**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff FROM: Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT) DATE: June 13, 2023 SUBJECT: Chart of “The Election Ecosystem” by Mark Cook; Presenter: Brenda Miller -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Introduction: This chart was designed by election security expert, Mark Cook.

Analysis: There are four parts to the “Election Ecosystem” along with four columns and

 their results.

 The first column illustrates how elections were done in the past.

 The second column illustrates how elections are done today.

 The third column illustrates the direction our elections are heading.

 The fourth column illustrates how we fix the problems of lack of transparency and lack of trust in elections, and how we correct the dangerous path we are on.

Conclusions/Requests:

We request a return to the simplistic, previous method of a decentralized election process, keeping them local, with transparency and citizen oversight.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

(Attributed to Edmund Burke)

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