

RE: Meeting with Election Judge

Attendees: Gary Kemmetmueller, Joan Lenzmeier, Brianne Henkel

Date: October 21, 2022

Time: 9:30 am

RE: Election Judge Oath, and Election Judge Code of Conduct

- Joan invited Gary into the room, and stated the reason for the meeting is to review and discuss the Oath and Code of Conduct for Election Judges.
- After review of the Oath, Joan asked Gary- "Are you able to abide by the oath for our election ballot process?"
- Gary discussed his concerns with the election procedure explaining he thought each ballot should be hand counted and not counted by the machine.
- Joan explained the city's procedure is for the election judges to record numbers from the ballot counting machines on the ballot certification which is what the state requires.
- Gary's concerned that if the ballots are not hand counted he felt there would be voter fraud.
- Joan stated in order to ensure the integrity of the election, we must comply with state regulations on using the machine to count ballots and the recording of those results on the certification. Joan explained an election judge's responsibility is to sign the certification verifying the ballot counting machine results were recorded on the certification. Joan explained this is how we ensure accuracy for the counting of the ballots and it is required by the State of MN. Joan further clarified after the results from the ballot counting machine are recorded on the certification, they then go to the county and are hand counted only as part of the post-election review. This is the process approved by the State of MN.
- Joan again asked Gary if he was able to abide by the oath for our elections ballot process.
- Gary stated - "Yes, but I can't sign the certificates after the voting is complete."
- Gary commented he felt Joan was intimidating him because she kept asking him "if he was able to abide by the oath for our elections ballot process" after he stated he is refusing to sign the certification of the counted ballots from the machine.
- Gary stated how he can't sign the log if he isn't the one counting the ballots and asked "why am I signing the certificate from the machine?"
- Joan stated that it is our process, and our process is consistent with the law and Anoka County and the city can't make any changes to the election process as it is a mandated process from the State of Minnesota.
- Gary stated to Joan "If I can't be an election judge, just know I don't have to be quiet."
- Joan asked Gary "is that a threat?" Because, I am comfortable with you sharing this information publicly.
- Gary did not respond.
- Joan reviewed the content of the code of conduct again which specifically states adherence to not disclosing private voter information .
- Joan again asked Gary if he is able to follow the oath and election judge code of conduct.
- Gary replied back "I can follow the protocol, but I can't sign the certificate at the end".
- Joan stated if you can't comply with State Law and the elections process in signing of the certificate and recording the results from the ballot counting machine, then this is the end of our meeting.