



November 10, 2020

Senator Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore, North Carolina Senate

Representative Tim Moore
Speaker, North Carolina House of Representatives

*** VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY ***

Dear Senator Berger and Representative Moore:

On behalf of conservatives in Orange County, I am writing to request an audit of the 2020 General Election.

As you know, this election is being closely watched by many of our neighbors, who have been waiting patiently for results to be released since the conclusion of Election Day. It has now been more than one week since the close of voting, and official results are yet to be certified.

Many members of our community have voiced concerns about Ms. Brinson Bell changing administrative rules in the middle of the election process, creating distrust among North Carolina voters. Departures from past practices, such as the loosening of witness requirements for absentee ballots, and the stream of rules changes emanating from court challenges *while the election was underway*, have people concerned about the transparency and integrity of this election. For example, the extension of absentee ballot cure deadlines has now allowed additional ballots that would once be rejected to be counted, raising questions about the validity of those ballots.

Transparency in the tabulation of ballots is also a concern. Per the NCSBOE website:

“Your ballot status will show up in the “Voter History” section (see screenshot below) as soon as your county completes the post-election process of assigning voter history to your record. This may take a couple of weeks or longer after the election.”¹

Our office has been contacted by many citizens who voted in-person on Election Day and are now concerned that they cannot verify their vote was counted. It is not reasonable in a fair and transparent election to ask voters to wait a “couple of weeks”, and to “trust” their boards of

elections, as Karen Brinson Bell's statement on the NCSBOE website urges.

Ms. Brinson Bell has distinguished herself with misleading and contradictory Numbered Memos throughout this election cycle, and is now widely viewed as a partisan player in a crucial administrative role which fundamentally requires the utmost in personal integrity and neutrality. As such, the public's trust in her to run a free and fair election is broken.

Regardless of the outcome of this election, this year's race and its attendant whipsaw of rules changes highlight the importance of sound laws regarding election integrity. To restore faith in the outcomes, transparency needs to be put back into the election process.

I therefore respectfully request that you demand a forensic audit of the 2020 General Election in order to uncover any fraud or irregularities that may have occurred.

Documenting these occurrences, including notice of procedures, ballot management, and election rules modifications, would reveal malfeasance and help identify necessary statutory changes to be considered in the upcoming legislative session. Identifying vulnerabilities and tightening laws will ensure this doesn't happen in future elections.

Only once an audit is conducted, and its results addressed by remedying the deficiencies revealed in the law, can we ensure the public's trust in the integrity of our elections. Thank you for your consideration and for all you do to ensure fair elections in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Waddy Davis
Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

cc: Senator Ralph Hise, Co-Chair, Senate Elections Committee
Senator Warren Daniel, Co-Chair, Senate Elections Committee
Senator Paul Newton, Co-Chair, Senate Elections Committee
Senator Bill Rabon, Chair, Senate Rules & Operations Committee
Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair, House Elections Committee
Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair, House Elections Committee
Michael Whatley, Chairman, North Carolina Republican Party
Philip Thomas, Political Director & Chief Counsel

¹ See <https://www.ncsbe.gov/news/press-releases/2020/11/05/how-know-your-vote-counted-north-carolina>, retrieved Nov. 10, 2020.