



Board of Election Commissioners

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Mr. Kevin Kennedy  
Wisconsin State Elections Board  
Madison, WI

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I am writing concerning yesterday's Wisconsin Legislative Special Committee meeting on election law review. I am aware that the County raised issues after I departed about the November 2004 election, and more specifically, matters related to the City turning over documentation needed to certify the election.

I am concerned about media reports that allege that the City of Milwaukee did not comply with processes and procedures required for certifying the election. In fact, the County certified the City's election results, took extraordinary steps to count additional absentee ballots, and has never contacted me to raise any issues about the election. We have no record of receiving any communications from the County that would have led the City to believe that certifying the election was an issue for the County.

Please know that the City will comply with all statutory requirements to ensure that all votes are counted accurately. I request to meet with you and State election officials to review state laws governing elections prior to the April 5, 2005 election. I have also requested a meeting with Janice Dunn.

I also request that you and members of your staff observe the Spring election and provide a report outlining specific recommendations if you identify problems. The Election Commission stands ready to adopt new procedural and policy changes if needed to fully comply with state law. Should you provide specific recommendations, the Election Task Force will also incorporate them into our formal report.

Sincerely,

  
Sharon Robinson  
Executive Director, Election Commission  
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c: Special Committee on Election Law Review

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