



Municipality of Anchorage

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Office of the Municipal Clerk

DATE: April 16, 2022
TO: Steven Henslee, Observer
FROM: Barbara A. Jones, Municipal Clerk *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: Response to Your Complaint Re Loussac Ballot Box Filed April 5, 2022

Thank you for your complaint filed on April 5, 2022. We appreciate the observers' help to increase safety and security of the election. Your complaint stated that as "...the ballot box was filling up, an election work[er] picked the ballot box up and shook it to settle the ballots when the bottom of the ballot box separated." In addition, your complaint stated, "the worker was able to grab the bottom before the ballots spilled out onto the floor. [She] taped the bottom of the box w/ duct tape and took it to a secure area." Finally, your complaint states that "I don't see the purpose of the security tape across the top of a ballot box when the bottom is not secure."

The Chair of the Loussac Library AVC confirmed the statements in your complaint that the bottom of separated and that the workers duct taped the bottom of the box and took it to a secure area. The Chair also reported that the silver ballot boxes, although convenient because they are collapsible and easy to be transported to the vote centers, need to be more secure. We discussed some preliminary ideas for including use of zip ties or possibly purchasing new, portable ballot boxes. The Chair and I agreed to discuss the operation of the silver ballot boxes as an after-election topic and address these issues prior to the next regular election.

Thank you again for raising this concern.

C: Jamie Heinz, Deputy Clerk – Elections
Dee Ennis, Observer Liaison
Ralph Duerre, Observer Liaison
Observer Contacts for other campaign



Municipality of Anchorage
 April 5, 2022 Regular Municipal Election
 Complaint Form

OBSERVER INFORMATION	Date <i>5 Apr 2022 16:08</i>
	Printed Name Of Observer <i>Steven Henslee</i>
	Name Of Candidate Or Organization/Group Representing <i>Kathy Henslee</i>

COMPLAINT	SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING COMPLAINT, INCLUDING ELECTION OFFICIAL NAME, IF APPLICABLE:
	<i>While observing at the assembly chambers it was apparent the ballot box was filling up. An election work picked the ballot box up and shook it to settle the ballots ^{when} and the bottom of the ballot box separated. Fortunately, the worker was able to grab the bottom before the ballots spilled out onto the floor. Election workers taped the bottom of the box w/ duct tape & took it to a secure area. Duct tape was applied to the bottom of the replacement empty ballot box. I don't see the purpose of the security tape</i>

across the top of a ballot box when the bottom is not secure.

SIGNATURES	<i>S. Henslee</i> Signature of Observer	<i>05 Apr 2022</i> Date Submitted
	<i>Margaret Roberts</i> Signature of Municipal Clerk or Designee	<i>4/5/22</i> Date Received