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Office of the Municipal Clerk

TO: Daniel Smith, Election Observer
Liz Vazquez, Candidate

FROM: Jamie Heinz, Acting Deputy Clerk - Elections

DATE: May 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Report of Turnout of Certain Precincts in Sand Lake/Jewel Lake Area

Background: On Thursday, March 31, 2022, the Chair of Loussac Library Vote Center contacted the Election Center staff and requested additional counter ballots for two different ballot styles (1941 (Kincaid precinct) and 1944 (Campbell Lake precinct)) because she was informed by two voters at addresses she believed were within those ballot styles that the voters had not received their ballot packages. Since the Chair of Loussac Library requested the additional counter ballots, the street names where these two voters lived (Emerald and Jade) was known. Portions of Emerald and Jade Streets are also within the Jewel Lake #1 and Jewel Lake #2 precincts.

Beginning on April 1, there were multiple email communications between Elections Staff and USPS regarding this matter and we were ultimately told “[t]he carrier confirmed that all ballots that he had were delivered. There is no mail, no ballots at the office for delivery or return.”

On April 3rd, the observer complaint stated “...these precincts [22-660 and 22-645] are reporting lower than average turnout...” It is unclear from the complaint what information was being referred to that would factually support that statement because no turnout is reported by precinct prior to the date of certification of the election.

This complaint was renewed to the Election Commission on April 25th and was included in the “omnibus complaint,” also filed on April 25th. The Election Commission provided Ms. Vazquez an opportunity to speak to these issues during their meeting on April 26th.

Additional Information in Response to the Complaint:

The following information is being provided to show voter turnout for the precincts listed above for 2022, 2020, and 2019, which are the years where Assembly Races were decided by voters.

Precincts	2022			2020			2019		
	Voter Turnout	Reg'd Voters	% Turnout	Voter Turnout	Reg'd Voters	% Turnout	Voter Turnout	Reg'd Voters	% Turnout
645 - Kincaid	1577	3586	43.98%	1483	3378	43.90%	1411	3316	42.55%
650 – Jewel Lake #1	321	1728	18.58%	328	1694	19.36%	313	1678	18.65%
655 – Jewel Lake #2	412	1881	21.90%	429	1867	22.98%	398	1859	21.41%
660 – Campbell Lake	922	2465	37.4%	898	2437	36.85%	895	2416	37.04%

Contrary to the observer complaint statement, voter turnout in the two referenced precincts actually increased for the April 5, 2022 Election compared to turnouts in previous elections for Assembly members.

cc: Election Commission Members
Anchorage Assembly Members

Barbara A. Jones, Municipal Clerk
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