




Municipality of Anchorage

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Office of the Municipal Clerk

TO: Cecelia Donelson and Brenda Hastie, Election Observers

FROM: Jamie Heinz, Acting Deputy Clerk – Elections 

DATE: April 21, 2022

SUBJECT: Response to Your Complaint re Return to Sender Postcards Filed April 20, 2022

Thank you for your inquiry filed on April 20, 2022. We appreciate your questions about return to sender postcards. With regard to the specifics of the complaint, we offer the following:

These address confirmation postcards were sent by MOA Elections to voters on 11/29/2021. As noted in the complaints, the receipts accompanying the cards (attached) indicated receipt on 12/9/2021 and 12/29/2021. In fact, 12/9/2021 and 12/29/2021 were the days MOA Elections delivered these trays to the State of Alaska, Division of Elections (DOE) so they could input and conduct the needed maintenance to the voter registration rolls. As you may know, the DOE collaborates with the MOA and all municipalities in the State of Alaska when it comes to voter records. The DOE completed processing these postcards on 02/09/2022 meaning the information from the cards was updated in the state voter registration database in plenty of time before the MOA received the information from the State for the April 5, 2022 Regular Municipal Election. These trays have been at the DOE offices since December; DOE advised us on 4/19/22 that the trays were ready to be picked up, and we brought them back to the Election Center to be held and shredded in accordance with the MOA record retention schedule, 30 days after certification of the April 5, 2022 Regular Election, since they are MOA records.

We hope this response satisfies the perceived administrative error or irregularity by election officials. This complaint does not identify a violation of municipal law, policy or procedure. This response has been developed in collaboration with the Municipal Clerk, and the Observer Liaisons.

C: Barbara A. Jones, Municipal Clerk
Dee Ennis, Observer Liaison
Ralph Duerre, Observer Liaison
Observer Contacts for other campaigns

State of Alaska
Division of Elections - Region II Elections Office
Receipt of Documents

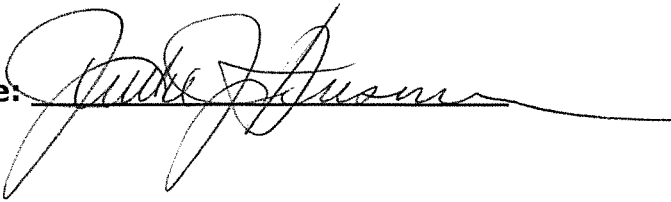
Contact Information:

Organization Name: MOA Elections
Contact Person: Liz Edwards
Telephone Number: _____
Date delivered: 12/9/2021 Date Returned: _____
(If applicable)

Documents Received by Region II Office:

Document	Quantity Received	Quantity Returned (If applicable)	Comments (Office Use Only)
Question Floppies			
Absentee Floppies			
Undeliverable by-mail postcards	4 Trays		

Signature of Organization Representative: 

Signature of Region II Office Representative: 

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Documents Received by Region II Office:

Document	Quantity Received	Quantity Returned (If applicable)	Comments (Office Use Only)
Question Floppies			
Absentee Floppies			
Undeliverable absentee by-mail ballots	1 tray + 1 thumb drive		

Signature of Organization Representative: 

Signature of Region II Office Representative: 

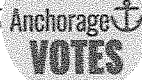


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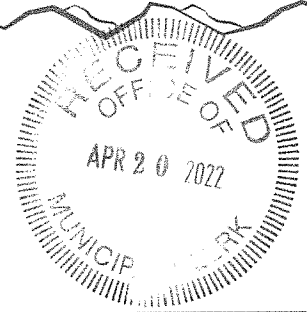
OBSERVER INFORMATION	<u>4/20/2022</u> Date
	<u>Brenda Hastie</u> Printed Name Of Observer
	<u>Liz Vazquez</u> Name Of Candidate Or Organization/Group Representing

COMPLAINT	<p>SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING COMPLAINT, INCLUDING ELECTION OFFICIAL NAME, IF APPLICABLE:</p> <p>On April 19, 2022, I observed a cart stacked with trays of returned BallotTray notification cards coming in to the election center by election workers.</p> <p>Upon inspection of the cards, there were postal markings on the cards that they were returned to sender on 12/04/2021. A receipt accompanied the cards indicating receipt by Elections Dept on 12/29/2021 along with a thumb drive.</p> <p>We need an accounting of those cards returned undeliverable and match to the ~17,500 returned ballots.</p> <p>This is evidence that the elections dept had an opportunity months before ballots were mailed to remove the undeliverable addresses.</p>
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SIGNATURES	<u>Brenda Hastie</u> Signature of Observer	<u>4/20/2022</u> Date Submitted
	<u>Jamie Young</u> Signature of Municipal Clerk or Designee	<u>4.20.22</u> Date Received



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OBSERVER INFORMATION	<u>4/19/2022</u>
	Date
	<u>Cecilia Donelson</u>
	Printed Name Of Observer
	<u>Kathy Henslee</u>
	Name Of Candidate Or Organization/Group Representing

COMPLAINT	SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING COMPLAINT, INCLUDING ELECTION OFFICIAL NAME, IF APPLICABLE:
	<p><u>Today I observed a worker bring in cards that were sent out in December 2021 that were returned by the P.O. "return to sender" Ralph the liaison informed me that they would be shredded - these cards were returned to me mini late December 2021</u></p> <p><u>Why weren't the voters that had cards "Returned to Sender" taken off the rolls? With over 18,000 Ballot Packages returned it seems like that could have saved a lot of money + time.</u></p>

SIGNATURES	<u>Cecilia Donelson</u>	<u>4/20/2022</u>
	Signature of Observer	Date Submitted
	<u>Jamie Heim</u>	<u>4/20/2022</u>
	Signature of Municipal Clerk or Designee	Date Received