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Dear Ms. Dunmore and Mr. Kinzle:

Resuming the EDA CPRA request dated Sept. 1, 2009 [copy attached], I am now writing in reply to your September 8, 2009, request for clarification of the September 1, 2009, CPRA letter requesting specific public records (BPS-related files) for both the June 3, 2008, Consolidated Statewide Primary Election and the November 4, 2008, General Election.

As ordinary citizens requesting technical records, we cannot anticipate all of the nuances involved in drafting descriptions of the records. However, the following is a general description of the process and records requested, followed in turn by a more specific description.

I understand that "ballot preparation files" are imported into the WinEDS data through a program Sequoia supplies called the "Bridge Tool." The data files are created with an application Sequoia calls "BPS." That acronym is known to vary in Sequoia documentation and should not be used to limit any response to this request.

I do not know if these "ballot preparation" or "layout" files are created for Riverside County by Sequoia under contract, or are created in-house by Riverside County elections staff or officers with their own copy of the BPS and "Bridge Tool" utilities. Regardless of who creates the files, I understand that data is fed once per election into WinEDS by either BPS or the Bridge Tool.

My request is for the electronic, unredacted copies of these files created by BPS and/or the Bridge Tool in the state they were in prior to being inserted into the WinEDS program and/or data file(s) before election processing began for each of the elections subject to this request.

To further clarify, I am requesting the data files that feed data into WinEDS immediately prior to the election, whether in MS-Access format or another. **If the data is processed in multiple steps, I am requesting each step ("iteration") containing data or code that flows from BPS and/or the "Bridge Tool" into WinEDS.**

I also accept your more technically precise description, and build on that, as follows. We are seeking:

1. The Excel spreadsheet(s) containing the data that emerge from the EIMS and go into the BPS application.
2. The two Access database files produced by BPS, which may include profile and election databases, that are then used by Sequoia to populate the WinEDS database. The Sequoia-produced WinEDS database file(s), returned to Riverside County, are input into the Riverside County WinEDS program to run the election.

We are seeking the BPS-produced Access database files Riverside County sent to Sequoia, **and** the WinEDS databases that were created from these files by Sequoia and sent back to Riverside County for input into the Riverside WinEDS system.

3. The two MS SQL databases that come into existence when the two Access databases are "bridged" over from the BPS application into the WinEDS application that works in conjunction with the MS SQL application.

Taking these descriptions together, I believe you have enough information to comply with the request. If a description of a record requires further clarification, we will provide it. However, do not delay the production of records that are properly described. Please produce those records now.

Thank you,



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