

## **Please Help Build a National Election Integrity E-mail Network**

### **Overview**

From Nov. 2, 2004 forward a corporate media blockade has been in effect to suppress evidence and deny that hackable electronic voting systems have corrupted electoral democracy. That media blockade is beginning to break up, but the fact remains, the corporate media that has enabled mass deception and coverup is not going to willingly implicate itself by exposing the corruption, but will continue to evade and misinform, and attempt to discredit or ignore the electoral integrity message.

Therefore, this movement to reclaim electoral democracy must develop independent mass-communication media under our own control, to deliver this vital information to the citizens. The best communication medium we have for this purpose is e-mail on the still free and uncensored Internet. However, the crisis of government illegitimacy is building to a possible breaking point, and the Internet as the last bastion of free speech is under threat; we must use it while we still can to avert repressive disaster and restore legitimate, elected government responsive to the people.

### **Method**

The Election Defense Alliance--a coordinating body for election integrity groups working at the county and state level across the country--has a plan for such a communications network.

The Election Integrity Superlist will link many e-mail lists into a network to deliver information about electronic voting fraud and voter suppression, and coordinate planning and action to restore public control of honest and verifiable elections in the local electoral jurisdictions where citizen activists live and vote.

The Superlist will be a master contact list of persons managing e-mail lists for election integrity and other progressive causes around the nation who agree to transmit an occasional election integrity message over their lists. The speed, simultaneity and message-multiplying potential of such networked cooperation cannot be overestimated.

**Please note:** *We are not asking for organizations to give us their lists* -- only to transmit EDA messages over their lists. List-managers participating in the Superlist network do so voluntarily, and will retain full control of their address lists and always have discretionary control over which messages they transmit to their lists.

### **Requested Information**

The Superlist.xls file attached to this e-mail message is a simple Excel worksheet for gathering 10 items of mail-list information that will be used to assemble the Superlist network. If you do not have a copy of Excel on your computer, you can type the information into a Word table. If you do not have Word, you can type the information requested into a plain text document, or fill in the file Superlist\_form.PDF and fax it to 510-740-0572

#### **The 10 items of information are:**

Name of e-mail list

Contact address for the list (where to send messages to be transmitted)

Number of addresses on the list (approx.)

Topical focus of list (usual subject matter)

Regional focus of list (if any)

List manager's name

Manager's alternate e-mail address (if different from "Contact address" above)

Manager's phone number (optional)

Other notes (List policies, limitations, requirements, etc.)

Name and contact information for person compiling the list

\* Please send list information to Dan Ashby at [Dan@electiondefensealliance.org](mailto:Dan@electiondefensealliance.org)

## **How the Superlist Will Be Used**

- \* We will ask for a description and contact address for each e-mail list that Superlist participants have control of, or access to.
- \* We will assemble these contributed contact addresses into a "superlist" of e-lists, expressly dedicated to the electoral integrity movement.
- \* We will extend requests to other civic organizations to provide contact addresses for the e-mail lists they control or have access to.
- \* Note that what we will be collecting are the contact addresses for e-mail list managers, NOT the actual addresses contained in those lists.
- \* Each message sent over this combined network of e-mail lists will be accompanied by a short cover letter stating:
  - that transmission of each message is voluntary and at the discretion of the person or organization controlling each list in the network.
  - that list managers will be asked to respond to each transmission letter, stating either that they have forwarded the message to the list(s) they manage; or that they have declined, and if so, to briefly state their objection.
  - that transmission requests will be limited to an initial few, announcing the Election Defense Alliance and inviting direct subscription to an EDA e-mail list; thereafter, the Superlist will be held in reserve for alerts of an exceptional and emergency nature, such as calls to coordinate regional or national protest of a stolen election.
- \* As recipients of the initial Election Defense Alliance messages respond to subscription links included in those messages, the Alliance will build its own direct-subscriber e-mail list to send weekly announcements to a growing network of affiliated activists and organizations.

## **Message Content and Endorsement**

Messages for distribution on the Superlist network will be prepared by the EDA Communications and Media and Publicity committees. Superlist participants who wish to add their individual or organizational endorsements of EDA and the Electoral Integrity E-mail Network are welcomed to do so.

If a Superlist participant does not wish to transmit a particular message for any reason, they are always free to decline. This way, Election Integrity Superlist participants will be free to endorse messages they support, and simply not endorse those they don't.

Messages sent over the superlist will be signed by the Election Defense Alliance.

- \* Please e-mail questions, comments, and list information to Dan Ashby at [Dan@electiondefensealliance.org](mailto:Dan@electiondefensealliance.org)