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RE: Voter Participation Center (VPC)

Ms. Carrier,

It is my understanding that you are the outside counsel for the Voter Participation Center and have been assisting this organization with their voter registration mailings.

As the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) for Pasco County Florida and President of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE), I'm corresponding to ask that you immediately cease sending your mailings which are resulting in misleading or at the very least causing confusion among Florida Voters. I have been notified by my fellow supervisors with reports of confusion and in some cases anger from voters who are receiving voter registration applications from the Voter Participation Center (VPC). Voters mistakenly believe the mailing is coming from their Supervisor of Elections' Office which results in the dilution of our "Official" correspondence and perpetuates voter distrust.

The majority of the phone calls we are receiving are from current registered voters who are questioning what has happened to their voter registration, or they are questioning why they have received pre-filled applications in the names of their adult children who don't reside with them, underage children, and sadly even a deceased child. This is very confusing to them, and rightly so. These misleading and inaccurate mailings by the VPC are clearly not instilling voter confidence in the process and in fact is creating suspicion, mistrust, and increased anger among our constituents. The actions of the VPC serve to erode the confidence of voters and unnecessarily place a burden on the elections' office staff which is actively preparing for the upcoming election cycle.

I have reviewed your correspondence to the Indian River Supervisor of Elections and noted the criteria that the VPC utilized to improve the accuracy of the mailings and your reference to the two "prominent" disclaimers on the mailers. I would proffer that the primary responsibility is on the VPC to ensure accuracy in its mailings and not place the burden on the recipient.

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Additionally, I have conferred with the Florida Division of Elections who confirmed that they provided feedback to you as you stated in your email to Indian River County, however, it is highly doubtful that their recommendations included sending voter registration forms to minors, persons already registered, deceased persons, et cetera.

In my experience as a Supervisor of Elections, I can attest that many organizations disseminate mailings to voters utilizing data with minimal or no issues but the Voter Participation Center yet again lacks the ability to successfully achieve this action, which is a rather basic endeavor.

I've asked my colleagues to refer upset or frustrated constituents to your client and again I would respectfully ask that you cease with any additional inaccurate, misleading and erroneous mailings to voters in Florida until such time that you can ensure accuracy with same.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further issues or questions.

Regards,



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