

Resolution To Restore Election Integrity in Pend Oreille County

Whereas; Washington State law allows for mail out ballots to be returned to unattended ballot drop boxes thereby putting the unfunded burden of service and security on the County Auditor and...

Whereas; Ballot drop boxes, without security cameras and reliable monitoring systems, have proven to be vulnerable to a variety of fraudulent activities throughout their use in America, and...

Whereas; Washington Law demands the ballot drop box be securely closed at 8pm on election day and not allow for the receipt of any late ballots. The drop boxes must remain secured until the election is over on the certification date, to prevent any additional ballots collected without a USPS post mark after the day of the election, and...

Whereas; Washington Administrative Codes, written by the Secretary of State, allow for late ballots to be collected after 8pm, circumventing reasonable oversight, is perceived by the voters to put voter integrity at risk, and are in obvious conflict with State laws, and...

Whereas; The POC Auditor has been documented on video and acknowledged unlocking the County Drop Box prior to the election being over at certification, allegedly to receive other county documents and billing payments, has further eroded the voter's confidence in the election integrity of our county.

Therefore; The members of the Pend Oreille County Republicans petition the County Commissioners, within their power as the legislative authority, to ensure that all POC Drop Boxes be locked and kept secured from 8pm on election day until the election is certified.

Further; The Pend Oreille County Republicans offer to help ensure future election integrity by offering to pay for the cost of a separate regular "mail, message and billing drop box "in the alleyway of the County Courthouse as well as assist in its installation prior to the next election.

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