

AFFIDAVIT OF MIKE STARMER

STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss
County of Missoula)

I, Michael Starmer, having been duly sworn and upon my oath, state as follows:

1. I am over eighteen (18) years of age, and resident of Missoula County, Montana. I am mentally sound and competent to swear to the matters set forth herein. The matters set forth in this Affidavit are based upon my own personal knowledge, unless otherwise stated.

2. On January 04, 2021, I participated in the Missoula County Election Integrity (MCEIP) Affirmation Envelope Count at the Missoula County Fairgrounds, Horticulture Building. The Affirmation Envelopes were already stacked in the center back of the building, between 10 rows of tables for 2 counters each (placed horizontally). Bradley Seaman and other Missoula County employees were present.

3. The twenty MCEIP counters were all volunteers, not election staff, instructed by Bradley and Quentin.

4. The 20 volunteer counters assembled at 9:00A.M., were given instructions between approximately 9:15-9:30A.M. Bradley Seaman or other Missoula County employees were present during the entire time while I was there. Lyn Hellegaard instructed the counters to use the County Elections tally sheets, using one sheet per box. They were told to ignore the candidate names. There were two people counting each box. I do not recall Bradley making any comment or objection to the instructions.

5. Ten tables were arranged around the room. Two volunteer counters were seated at each table. Missoula County employees would bring a box of affirmation

envelopes to a counting table, open the sealed box, observed our count, pacing throughout the room. The two volunteer counters at the table then used a fresh tally sheet for that box. There were two tally sheets for each box. When volunteer counters indicated, they were done counting all the affirmation envelopes in a box, which were rubber banded in bundles of varying sizes. The volunteer counters placed the rubber band back on the packet, if it was removed, when done counting the individual packets.

6. The counting team members would write on the tally sheet, by either hash mark or number, how many envelopes were in each packet. The county election employee would take the box out of the room and another county election employee would bring a new sealed box of affirmation envelopes. I did not observe any county election employee re-sealing the boxes while there. After a box was completed, the counters set the two tally sheets for that box aside, procured a fresh sheet and started on the next box delivered by the County employee. For each box provided, under our process, two counters created two tally sheets for each box of envelopes.

7. Bradley Seaman answered questions asked of him by the counters. I do not recall that he objected to or commented upon the process at any time.

8. The counters were instructed to look for any envelopes that didn't have a red line through the signature on the affirmation envelope.

9. Lyn Hellegaard instructed the volunteer counters to keep track of missing red lines by writing "no signature" on their log sheet and logging them. She also instructed the counters to keep track the number of envelopes they found without dates.

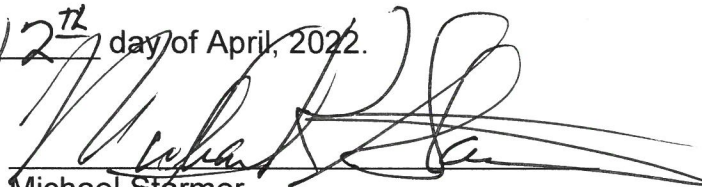
10. Bradley instructed the counters to pull any envelopes they had concerns about and set them aside for Quentin Rhoades, who had left the building after the instructions to the counters. I'm uncertain the exact time he left the building.

11. Upon completing the affirmation envelope count MCEIP counters turned in all of their signed log sheets to Lyn Hellegaard before they left the building.

12. Other than answering specific questions, I do not recall that the election staff, who were carefully observing the volunteer counters, commented at all about the process MCEIP counters were using. At the end of the count Bradley Seaman congratulated the citizen volunteers and remarked at what a good job they had done. He also suggested the group become election judges.

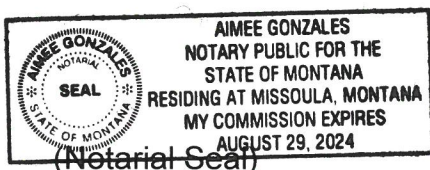
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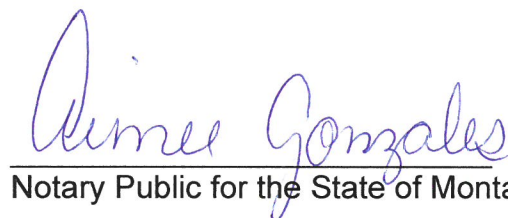
DATED this 12th day of April, 2022.


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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 12th day of April, 2022, by
Michael Starmer.




Notary Public for the State of Montana