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Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 12:34 PM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Board of Elections Meeting

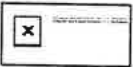
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Greetings Board of Elections,

Thank you so much to the wonderful people of the Elections Division for all that you have done to ensure the special election was effective and efficient for the people of Allegheny County. I write to you to request your immediate approval and certification of the special election results. This election was held in accordance with Pennsylvania Law and should be certified.

Thank you so very much.

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From: Ron Bandes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 3:44 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Cc: Tim Stevens
Subject: conduct of election during February 7th special election - public comment

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Dear Board of Elections:

I am Ron Bandes, residing in the City of Pittsburgh. I am a Judge of Election and a member of the Black Political Empowerment Project. During the February 7th special election I was a certified pollwatcher for the polling place of McKeesport 7-5. At this special election I observed what can only be described as racist behavior on the part of an appointed Judge of Election toward an elected Inspector of Election. You will be receiving my pollwatcher report under a cover letter from the Chairman & CEO of B-PEP, Tim Stevens. The report contains testimony from several people describing the foul behavior and demonstrating the motive. Please read the report carefully and conduct your own investigation, including interviewing the people named in the report. Then please report your findings and the remedial actions taken.

Thank you,
Ron Bandes

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From: Dustin Pierce <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 8:42 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Public Comment for 2/21 meeting
Attachments: image.png

Good evening,

My name is Dustin Pierce. I'm a resident of Springdale and serve as the Judge of Elections for Springdale Borough District 4, and have done so for the past five years. I served as a Judge of Elections for the February 7 special election, serving in Penn Hills Ward 5, District 6. Overall, it was a wonderful experience. The teams of dedicated poll workers who normally call this precinct and the neighboring one their home were welcoming, diligent, and knowledgeable, both of election procedures and their local community. The county election employees and the county employees serving as rovers, leads, and returns staff made the day go smoothly. Please consider the following feedback- what went well, what could improve, and some suggestions to make things go more smoothly.

WHAT WENT WELL:

- Provisional ballot envelope now longer has the line that refers to the old practice of the county providing blank provisional ballots
- There was a really good and easy to reference handout provided to election boards about poll watchers, voter intimidation, challenges, etc
- This may not be new, but I never noticed before. At the bottom corner of each page of the poll book, there was a notation of the first three letters of the first and last name on the page- for example Smi-Sno. This made finding voters a bit easier.
- The privacy screens all had instructions on how to correctly fill out circles on ballots. This was good but wasn't at every precinct. We made copies for ours which was good, as rovers looked for them.

WHAT COULD IMPROVE:

- One of the regular board members showed, but indicated she wasn't called to work. She wanted to show in case she was needed. One person had to bow out that morning so it worked out for us anyway.
- February" was misspelled on the poll book cover. Voters would likely never see this but easy catches not being caught is a personal pet peeve.
- Info about sites is desperately needed. No info was communicated about parking, which entrance to use, etc. with no signs at the polling place I had to guess, and guessed wrong a few times.

-Beginning/End of day checklist is two sided with paperwork team on one side and machine team on the other. Should be one-sided so each team can have one.

-There's nothing to attach the surrendered absentee declaration to the actual ballot and envelope. Good staplers would be ideal.

SUGGESTIONS:

-My board was fully staffed. I was able to get a list of members and contact info by asking, but this might be more helpful if provided without request- it could be sent with training reminder emails and/or the supply pickup letter.

-Maps are good, but small and not easy to read for oddly shaped districts. There should also be a list of streets and numbers- for example, 400-699 Chestnut, 400-698 Freeport even numbers only, etc.

-Training should include some info on media interactions. Another judge at my site talked to a reporter who was there, and attempted to engage me in answering the reporter's questions, which I avoided.

-The stickers identifying board members aren't great- these are mailing labels with the name of the role printed in plain text, which would be easy to replicate for bad actors. This should look better and more official. The attached from another county is better.

Thank you,

Dustin Pierce

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