

**DECLARATION**

**DECEMBER 1, 2020**

**My name is Linda Brickman. Thank you for allowing me to come forward and speak with all of you.**

**Effective November 12, 2020, as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair of the Maricopa County Republican Committee (MCRC), by operation of law upon the resignation of the Chairman, I took over the performance of all the Chairman's duties.**

**I was notified by Rey Valenzuela, Director of Elections, that the Logic & Accuracy (L&A) Certification of the Dominion voting systems would take place on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. With limited notice, I was later notified the date was moved to November 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM.**

**There will be around eleven (11) issues that I need to share with you. Starting with a little background first please.**

**I arrived at the Maricopa County Tabulations and Election Center (MCTEC) prior to 10:00 AM, for what was supposed to be a morning turn around inspection of the Dominion Software and equipment; however, it took some eight (8) hours before the two formal L&A Certifications were completed, with mixed results.**

**We began in the BCC or Tabulation room, where the Dominion Software/machines were set up ready for actual testing.**

**There were about eight or 9 regular (vs high speed) machines set to tabulate all the numbers from test ballots (pictures already sent to you) selected by staff from the Secretary of State's (SOS) Elections office as part of the SOS L&A Certification, and one main frame**

computer behind glass-like walls plugged into the wall, and a computer technicians work station with a desktop computer to transfer results from the individual tabulators and into the server. This main frame machine that I observed was to calculate all the test ballots and add up the “0’s” to give a grand total of all 8 or 9 machine total ballots counted, equaling “0.”

Problems occurred almost from the start with the SOS certification. For example, a number of the ballots could not be read by the tabulator machines; at least one or more of the tabulators broke down and portions had to be replaced; incorrect information had been inputted into each tabulator earlier that morning; the “wrong files” were loaded up into the main frame by the computer technician; and neither SOS staff nor the computer technician were able to quickly resolve the problems. Instead, we were alerted it might take an hour or more to work things out, so we adjourned until 2:00 PM, after lunch.

At approximately 2:00 PM I asked if the problem was resolved, and what had happened. Instead, I was informed that the machines were not calculating correctly, and all the machines were shut down during the break and reset; and they were going to start a brand, new test.

About an hour plus later, the ballots were run into the tabulators and printouts of the results in the form of a “cashier’s tape” were reviewed by me and others. Then, the memory sticks from each tabulator were removed and handed to the computer technician for loading into the server along with other relevant files we were told.

Printouts were generated by the Dominion server, and County Chairs from the 3 County Political Parties, as well as other observers, began comparing the individual voting totals tabulated for accuracy. Once completed, the County Chairs were asked to fill out

and sign the “Certification” for the SOS L&A. And per Rey Valenzuela, Director of Elections, other observers could sign if they insisted, but only in an “Observer Capacity” and not in an official party capacity.

Then came time to sign the Certification.

Based on the issues described above with the SOS L&A test, and my familiarity with reports from other State Secretary of States (for example, Texas), the December 2019 Democratic US Senators written investigation into Dominion including irregularities in earlier elections, as well as reports from forensic experts including local Arizona ones, I denied certification, writing on the form: “CERTIFICATION DENIED – LINDA BRICKMAN – MC [Maricopa County] CHAIRMAN.”

We then began the 2<sup>nd</sup> L&A test, but this one was conducted by Maricopa County Elections Staff and on separate Dominion voting tabulator machines. This was a similar process with results going to the server and reports printed out. But whatever problems or irregularities surfaced during the first SOS test, they did not manifest this time.

And for the same reasons noted above, I denied certification, writing on the Maricopa County form: “CERTIFICATION DENIED – LINDA BRICKMAN – MC [Maricopa County] CHAIRMAN.”

I also have copies of each of those ballots counted, with copies available upon request. Again, my reasons as noted above were my first-hand observations of the flaws and irregularities in the SOS L&A tabulating and calculating of the Dominion software, the unexplained turning off the computer system and doing a reset versus a correction, and the over 5 hours for the SOS test and results review, plus my lack of faith in the 2<sup>nd</sup> L&A

test – we could see the machines, but could not see or observe the software behind the machine to confirm what had gone on.

**As a veteran County Elections Worker who actually worked the election both during the August Primary, and the General from 10/19/20 to 11/11/20 working in the Signature Verifications room, Duplication room, Adjudication room, ABC Room, and Hand Count Audit, let me share just about 6 irregularities I PERSONALLY OBSERVED:**

- (1) Signature verification standards were constantly being lowered by Supervisors in order to more quickly process that higher amount of early and mail-in ballots (from approx. 15 points of similarities, to a minimum of 3, lowered to 1, and ultimately to none – “Just pass each signature verification through”) “There are too many rejection of ballots each day, so push them through.”.**
- (2) Challenged signatures on envelopes where the signature was a completely different person than the name of the listed voter, was let through and approved by supervisors.**
- (3) Challenged runs or batches of envelopes for signature verification observed by me to be the exact same handwriting on the affidavit envelopes on numerous envelopes. When I asked if the County Attorney would be alerted for possible ballot fraud, I was told no, but supervisors would take care of it (I can supply one of the batches with book numbers that I texted in case I needed it).**
- (4) In the Duplication room, I observed with my Democratic partner the preparation of a new ballot since the original may have been soiled, damaged, or ripped, and wouldn’t go through the tabulator. I read her a Trump/Republican ballot and as soon as she entered it into the system the ballot defaulted on the screen to a**

**Biden/Democratic ballot. We reported this to supervisors, and others in the room commented that they had witnessed the same manipulation. We were never told what, if any, corrective action was taken.**

**(5) Election Office Observers – when it became apparent that more and more early and mail-in ballots would need to be processed, I mentioned that the current rule of the number of observers per party was not adequate (1 per party, unless all parties agreed to more). And since the Governor refused to call the Legislature into session for any reason, and little incentive for the Democrats to agree to a higher adequate number, there was no way 1 observer per Party, forced to the back of a room, or behind a see-through wall, had a legitimate opportunity to see what elections workers were seeing in real time and doing, especially where up to 20 or more workers processing tasks, sometimes in 10 seconds or less! And I personally observed most observers acting “clueless”, and do not believe any of them even realized the challenges I made and referenced above.**

**(6) And lastly, one of the most egregious incidents in both the Duplication and Adjudication rooms which I worked, I observed the problem of Trump votes with voters checking the bubble for a vote for Trump, but ALSO, writing in the name “Donald Trump” and checking the bubble next to his hand written name again, as a duplicated vote, counting as an “OVERVOTE,” which means – no vote was counted at all, despite the policy having been changed to allow these overvotes. Supervisors contradicted their own policies where the intent was clear. Ray Valenzuela, Director of Elections, told me openly at the morning of the Dominion Certification (November 18, 2020), that this was incorrect, the Supervisors were terribly mistaken**

**and as an Adjudicator, I was instructed incorrectly, and these many votes SHOULD HAVE BEEN COUNTED AND NOT TURNED AWAY AS AN OVERVOTE.**

**The next day, I was called outside the room where I was working and reprimanded for causing trouble over the weekend and was told to stop saying that there were wrong doings going on in other rooms, so I was suppressed from speaking the truth for fear of retaliation or pressure of being let go. So, the supervisor kept me working ALONE in my corner of the room, not to circulate with others.**

**Chairman Finchem, Legislators, and Mayor, I am here today not as an expert in the Dominion software, but as a voter in Maricopa County, who wants to hear the truth and speak the truth and not feel suppressed to speak before you now.**

**There should be integrity in our voting electorate. Voting is not a right; voting is not a privilege; voting is not an option. Voting is an obligation of every legal American Citizen.**

**Thank you.**

**God Bless America – and God Bless Donald Trump!**

**Linda Brickman**

**Maricopa County Republican Committee Chairman (MCRC)**

**Signed: *Linda S Brickman***

**Dated: December 1, 2020**