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GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG COMMITTEE SMITH COUNTY 2020 GENERAL ELECTION AUDIT SUMMARY

Our audit of the Smith County 2020 General Election documented multiple integrity issues and management problems. Our report was presented to the former and current County Judge, District Attorney, Civil Assistant District Attorney (legal advisor to Commissioners Court) and Elections Administrator on December 19, 2022. The full Commissioners Court was briefed on February 7, 2023. On the evening of February 13, 2023, Grassroots America held a public presentation.

Election Integrity Issues

- Documented 584 Disenfranchised Absentee Voters
- Questionable Hand Addressed Absentee Ballots
- Absentee Ballot envelopes not opened or counted

Management Problems

- Voters disenfranchised by incorrect precinct assignment (local races)
- ISD Trustee candidates left off relevant ballots
- Missing control logs from two Service Centers
- No control logs for Limited Ballots
- Provisional Ballot Logs partially dispositioned or incorrectly processed
- The fifty-six storage boxes were incorrectly marked
- Critical records in many boxes were totally disorganized

Background/Timeline:

On March 19, 2022, Grassroots America We the People PAC and Texas Voter Verification launched a collaborative project to canvass 2020 General Election voters. **The initial objective was to compare voter reported results to official Smith County records.** The Canvassing Report was presented to Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran and Election Administrator Michelle Allcon on May 12, 2022.

Second phase: **A review/analysis of the physical records** was conducted with the endorsement of the Smith County Judge. A report on the analysis of "non-secure" election records was presented to the County Judge and Elections Administrator on July 20, 2022.

A third phase of investigation was required: **A review and analysis of the "secure" records including ballots was conducted** with the endorsement of the County Judge. The physical audit of secure records was concluded by the end of September 2022. A review of Cast Vote Records (CVR) was subsequently conducted and further confirmed the gap between total Absentee Voters and total Absentee Ballots.

Our official report and our public presentation materials are available at the links below:

Smith County 2020 General Election Review

Public Forum Presentation Materials

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