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Fwd: Thank You and Follow-Up Answers

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Begin forwarded message:

From: JAMES CLEMENTS <Registrar@culpepercounty.gov>
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To: tsheads@gmail.com
Subject: Thank You and Follow-Up Answers

Toni,

It was great meeting with you and Eileen today. Thank you again for coming to the office.

The following information should answer, or better answer, the few survey questions we identified as needing follow-up.

13. How many households have more than 7 individuals registered at the same address?

This isn't a record I can produce, but I would encourage you to share that lists of voters can be obtained from the State Dept. of Elections (more information can be found at: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/client-services/>). They should be able to send a spreadsheet and they should also be able to send the information statewide.

20. Did you receive any funding or in-kind contributions for training, staff, voter education or equipment, or any other purpose from outside the state of Virginia?

It looks like the CARES ACT funding we received was actually received from the State Board of Elections (so, within Virginia). We did also receive a grant from the Center for Tech & Civic Life which was used specifically for staff costs to cover the increase in Early Voting and Mail Voting caused by COVID. The main cost was in adding additional staff to prepare and mail ballots, and to sort those ballots when they were returned. We also used the grant funding to have Election Officers come in to pre-process the mail ballots before Election Day so that those votes could be reported at the same time as the Election Day totals.

26.-27. Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives; as described in 24.2-604.5 A? Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized

election monitoring organizations?

I do see in reviewing the Code referenced that the General Registrar "may" authorize observers. But this is definitely an area where I wouldn't act unilaterally without involving my Electoral Board. The Code also appears to say the Electoral Board "may" authorize observers without my approval. For local non-partisan observers, I know my Board members would always encourage anyone interested in observing to sign up as an Election Officer instead. In my opinion, there is no better way to observe the process than by being a part of it.

On the international question, I remembered after you left and reviewed some emails from 2020 and found that we did receive a request through the State Dept. of Elections from the ODIHR Limited Election Observation Mission (an International group) to observe the November 2020 election. The Board and I agreed to that request, but the observers never showed up because of COVID.

28. Have your local party chairs been notified that they are entitled to send observers to your office each day it is open and receiving in-person absentee ballots?

I am not aware of a notification requirement. However, our office and the Electoral Board does maintain relationships with the local party chairs and regularly provide them with information. We also post the required newspaper notices for the dates of Early Voting.

Again, thank you both so much for your time. I look forward to seeing you both at training in a few months.

Take care,

James

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