

February 19, 2021

TO LOCAL PARTY CHAIRMEN AND THE BUENA VISTA ELECTORAL BOARD MEMBERS

RE: STATEWIDE RISK-LIMITING AUDIT OF THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

Pursuant to Va. Code §§ 24.2-669 and -671.1 the Virginia Department of Elections is conducting—in coordination with Virginia's local electoral boards and registrars—a statewide risk-limiting audit of the results of the November 3, 2020, election. Va. Code § 24.2-669 provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

In the event that ballots are inspected under clause (i), (ii), or (iv) of this paragraph, each political party and each independent candidate on the ballot, or each primary candidate, shall be entitled to have a representative present during such inspection. The representatives and observers lawfully present shall be prohibited from interfering with the officers of election in any way. The State Board or local electoral board shall provide such parties and candidates reasonable advance notice of the inspection.

We anticipate inspecting ballots at the Buena Vista Circuit Court Jury Room on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 11 a.m. The address is 2039 Sycamore Avenue, Buena Vista, Virginia 24416.

Please let us know who your designated representative will be, if it someone other than you, so that we will be able to recognize that person as your duly appointed representative.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, as I remain

Very Truly Yours,

Emilie F. Staton

General Registrar / Director of Elections