MEMORANDUM

TO: Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff

FROM Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)

DATE: October10, 2023

SUBJECT: ES&S Mailed Ballot Foldline Issues

PRESENTER: Annette West

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Introduction

I am Annette West of Oak Grove, MN. I am treasurer of SD31 BPOU and a member of the St. Fracis School Board

Analysis

With forecasts of mailed ballots being as high as 50% of the ballots in the 2024 election. We think it of critical importance that the Anoka County Commissioners be aware of the errors produced by ES&S voting machines from Mailed Ballot Fold Lines.

Chart 1 and Chart 2 are from Dodge County, WI website which posts both the Scanned Ballot Image and its resultant Cast Vote Record (CVR). The ballot lines are shown in two places on Chart 1. The lower one intersects the oval for write-in for the Governor’s race and Chart 2 shows this was recorded as an “overvoted”, clearly CANCELLING THE VOTER’s INTENDED CHOICE!

Sample Ballots 1 and 2 shows a sample ballot for Anoka County for the 2022 general While a machine folded ballot was not available from Election Management, the ballot fold lines would fall approximately election1/3 and 3/3 down each page.

Chart 3 summarizes the tabulation of the “Overvote” results from the CVR’s posted by Election Management to the Anoka County website. One need not be a statistician nor rocket scientist to see the disproportionate numbers in the races most likely to have had fold lines on mailed ballots. The judges/justices races were virtually all with only one candidate! There is clearly evidence of a problem here!!

While Scanned Ballot Images were not posted (but could have been had our request been dealt with in a timely fashion), THOSE SCANNED BALLOT IMAGES ARE STILL AVAILABLE ON THE FLASH DRIVES FROM THE ELECTION. It is not against the new state law for Anoka Election Management to view those images and address the magnitude of this issue.

see attached

Note: This Memorandum and Report will be emailed to Board Members, County

Administrator, PRT Division Head and Elections Manager.