



July 13, 2011

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RE: OBSERVATION OF BALLOT OPENING ON MAY 20, 2011

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Dear Ms. Noujaim:

I appreciate your correspondence dated June 6, 2011, regarding your observation of the ballot opening on May 20, 2011.

Division 12CSD1.05(c), states:

“Local 1000 shall secure the services of a vendor, not affiliated with SEIU and recognized as a bona fide vendor that provides election and balloting services. That vendor will be solely responsible for mailing, receiving, sorting, opening, counting, and securing all ballots (including duplicate ballots) related to the elections enumerated in subdivision (a) of this section. . . .”

Intraform was the vendor secured by Local 1000 pursuant to this section of the policy file. It should be noted that Intraform is the same vendor used by CalPERS to conduct their statewide elections. Intraform administered the election with the highest professional standard in accordance with the standards set forth by the California Secretary of State. Also, all ballots received and counted for the election were received through the United States Postal Service (USPS) and delivered directly to Intraform.

You raise questions regarding the lack of postmark or stamp on some return ballots. I understand our election consultant Paul Gonzalez-Coke personally provided you with answers to your questions at the time, but in the interest of clarity I will explain again.

The ballot return envelopes are metered with prepaid postage. The prepaid return ballot envelopes are processed by USPS, bundled and sent to an area post office for delivery to Intraform. Because the ballot return envelopes are metered with prepaid postage, they are reconciled with SEIU Local 1000’s account with USPS and postmarks are not always stamped on each individual envelope.

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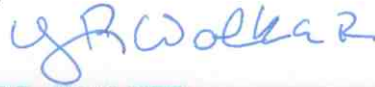
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Mr. Gonzalez-Coke has stated that he understood you to be satisfied with his explanation because he observed that, following his explanation, you left the election office and did not return.

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns.

Sincerely,



YVONNE R. WALKER