



King County

**CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)**

October 21, 2020 Meeting | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Zoom Conference

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Chair: Kyle Vixie, Vice Chair: Nanette Sullivan, Vice Chair: Jayson Todd Morris, Stanley Tsao, Jeff Manson, Hillary Coleman, Allison Feher, Julie Kang, Maya Manus, Sheryl Moss, Seth Orr, Quynh Pham, and Stefan Sharkansky

**Absent:** First Vice Chair: Eliseo Juárez

**Special Guests:** King County Library System (KCLS) Director Lisa Rosenblum, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council Jackie Miller, John Sheller (KCLS), Julie Acteson (KCLS)

**Elections Staff:** Elections Director Julie Wise and Kendall LeVan Hodson

**Council Staff:** Erin Arya

**1. Call to Order**

CEOC Chair Kyle Vixie called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**2. Approve September 16, 2020 minutes**

Maya Manus moved approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting with an amendment striking a small typo. Hillary Coleman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Dropbox Monitoring with Microsoft Forms & Municipal League Foundation**

Nanette Sullivan provided an update on piloting drop box monitoring data collection efforts via Microsoft Forms for the General Election. The intention is for lessons to be learned for future discussion and possible expanded implementation. Once the data is collected the committee can review and discuss processes for the future. The Municipal League is helping by utilizing the form for monitoring.

**4. Director Lisa Rosenblum**

King County Library System (KCLS) Director Lisa Rosenblum shared some details about the partnership between KCLS and King County Elections noting it is one of the more robust partnerships in the country with 21 drop boxes. The KCLS program *Vote. It Matters.* has the goal to increase equity and inclusion. Libraries are a natural place for people to educate themselves and engage in civic processes. Director Rosenblum shared that King County Elections does an exceptional job and works well with KCLS staff to ensure a smooth election.

## **5. Director's Report (Ballot Returns, Vote Centers, Mail Delivery Data, Drop Boxes, Election Security Press Conference)**

Julie Wise, King County Elections Director shared that 402,000 ballots had arrived back at King County Elections at the time of her report. The Monday after mailing out ballots, 99% of ballots had arrived to voters. Right now more than 70% of ballots are being returned through the drop box. Usually at this point in an election more ballots come in by mail. The vote center in Renton is open, others will open on October 31. Since the beginning of the year there have been 117,000 new registered voters and there are still two weeks to go until the election. Normally roughly 100,000 register to vote for in a presidential election year.

## **6. News Media (Update) and Hit 90 Advertising Campaign Feedback**

Kendall LeVan Hodson reviewed their partnerships in the Hit 90 campaign including the Sounders and Brad Evans, bus ads, the social media toolkit and some more detail on social media posts they have launched.

## **7. World Affairs Council Election Security Roundtable**

Jackie Miller President & CEO of the World Affairs Council provide a brief recap of a program they hosted with James Clapper former Director of National Intelligence discussing national security issues surrounding the 2016 election including trolling, hacking of the DNC, and election infrastructure probing.

## **8. Census 2020 Regional Task Force**

Kyle provided an update on U.S. Census operations. Data collection has ended, Washington state was second in the nation in terms of response rate. King County's return rate was 76.4%. Maya noted there was confusion over the deadline due to court rulings. The Supreme Court reversed a lower court decision resulting in the count officially ending at midnight in Hawaii on October 15. The Census Bureau must provide the data to the president by the end of the year.

## **9. KCC Staff Updates**

Erin Arya reminded the committee that they will need to vote on their meeting schedule for 2021 at the next meeting.

## **10. New Business and/or for Good of the Order**

Members were asked to commit to monitoring during the General Election within their comfort level (considering the pandemic). Sheryl Moss noted that the Secretary of State's Office will be doing monitoring as part of their normal review as well.

## **11. Adjournment**

Stefan Sharkansky moved to adjourn. Seth Orr seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.