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A Note from Elections Director Lori Augino

Kudos on conducting another successful election! Every day you make magic happen for our Washington voters.

I know you still have a long way to go until certification, but I want you to know how much I appreciate and respect the work that you do. I miss this part of elections administration the most: working hard in the days following the election to process as many ballots as possible every day, reconcile every last vote, and prepare for canvassing and certification. The pressure is on, particularly for those of you who have close races in your counties. The best part is sealing the last archive box when it's all done. Then thinking ahead to the next election that is basically starting right now.

Some of you continue to experience mail delays or other issues with the USPS. I really appreciate everything you have done to gather and report your mail stats. This data will be incredibly powerful as we work together with the postal service at the local, state, and national level to identify and solve these delivery challenges.

As you are wrapping up this election and gearing up for next year, if there is anything that I can do to help you, please let me know.

Thank you!

Help Wanted | Voting Public Working Groups

The EAC and NIST are recruiting elections officials to participate in public working groups to help inform the development of the new voting systems standards. Lori Augino is a member of the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC), and she would LOVE for you to participate in these working groups. Lori will be chairing the Pre-Election working group. In addition, there is an Election Day working group and a Post-Election working group. The initial goal of these three groups is to document the high-level steps necessary for each phase of the election, and to upload step-by-step procedures used in jurisdictions nationwide.

We urge you to sign up and participate. It's incredibly important for Washington to be represented on these working groups. We are one of only three states that vote by mail. Your participation will help ensure that our needs are addressed in the next generation of voting systems standards. All meetings will be conducted by webinar or conference call, and you can participate as little or as much as you like.

You can find more information on this announcement from the EAC and NIST by [clicking here](#). Please review it, sign up, and attend our kickoff webinar on November 18 at 12:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

New Attorney General Opinion

The Attorney General's Office has issued a formal opinion regarding the authority of counties operating under home rule form of government to convert the Office of the County Prosecuting Attorney from partisan to nonpartisan by charter. [Click here](#) to read the full opinion.

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