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VIA EMAIL

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Registrar of Voters
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<p style="text-align:center">Re: Request for Recount – Santee City Council District 4</p>

Dear Mr. Vu:

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 15621, I hereby request a recount of votes cast for candidates for the office of Santee City Council District 4 in the November 3, 2020, General Election. As Chair of the San Diego County Democratic Party, I do this on behalf of (though not at the request or suggestion of) candidate Samm Hurst.

The Registrar of Voters certified the election results on December 3, 2020. The certified results show Dustin Trotter prevailing in the election for City Council District 4 by a five-vote margin. Given the closeness of the vote, I believe a thorough recount could affect the outcome. This process will ensure the credibility and fairness of our electoral system for the voters of the City of Santee.

I seek to begin by reviewing all voted ballots that were not counted in the official canvass for City Council District 4, including unopened or rejected vote-by-mail ("VBM") ballots and provisional ballots, and any relevant information related to those ballots, including, but not limited to, all VBM and provisional ballot envelopes containing each uncounted or rejected ballot, all precinct rosters, and any other materials related to the uncounted or rejected ballots.

To the extent that any uncounted ballots subject to examination during the recount are ultimately validated, such ballots should be added to the count in accordance with Regulation 20823(a)(2).

During the course of the recount and in accordance with 2 CCR Section 20813, I reserve the right to examine damaged and corresponding remade ballots that may not be maintained with precinct ballots; data cards, magnetic or other media used to record and store vote data; and any other "relevant material" as that term is deemed in 2 CCR Section 20811(f), as relates to ballots cast in each of the specified precincts.
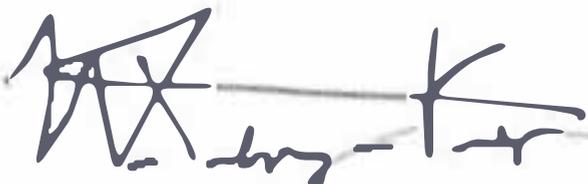
Pursuant to Section 20811(f), those materials may include, but are not limited to, any or all of the following: unvoted ballots, vote by mail and provisional ballot envelopes, voting system redundant vote data, ballot definition files, language translation files and the central database or other electronic repository of results for the election in which the contest subject to recount occurred, election data media devices, audit logs, system logs, pre- and post-election logic and accuracy testing plans and results, polling place event logs, precinct tally results, central count tally results and consolidated results in a structured, nonproprietary format, surveillance video recordings and chain of custody logs, including logs of security seals and access to election-related storage areas.

Following the review of the ballots and materials referenced above, I seek a manual recount of all ballots cast in the District 4 contest. I also reserve the right to modify this request as the recount proceeds.

We will await further word regarding the date of commencement of the recount and the deposit that will be required. In the meantime, please direct any further communications related to this recount request to Ryan Hurd at ryan@sddemocrats.org.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to ensure that every vote legitimately cast is counted.

Sincerely,

Will Rodriguez-Kennedy
Chair, San Diego County Democratic Party

cc: Annette Fagan Ortiz, Santee City Clerk
        (via email)