

Hello again Councilman. The volunteers were Collin Coles, Jodi Hissong, Chris Pappas and DeDe Tondee. You may know these people; all but one are former appointed public servants.

Their unpaid work at County Elections was for a few hours on June 2. Their process included examining addresses for voters registered on what are notable commercial streets, such as Ironwood Drive, Sherman Avenue, Government Way, Seltice Way, 4th Street, Mullan Drive, Aqua Drive, Railroad Avenue, Highway 41, etc. The volunteers examined some County Assessor records to verify a residence through a homeowners' exemption at that address, or County GIS Mapping information to determine via photographs that a residence was on site.

Next steps were to contact many of these voters, a task which was handled by Elections staff members. They wrote letters or made phone calls or both. If we needed to physically see the address, either Cliff Hayes or I personally drove to the location to see a residence for ourselves.

With all due respect Councilman Kennedy, I am uncomfortable telling you the names of the voters 'challenged' through this research. In most of the instances we've been able to finalize, they were registered properly at a residence that just happened to be on a commercial street. Since they did nothing wrong, I see little point in publicizing their names and addresses.

If I have not met your expectations for a timely response, please let my boss know. Clerk Cliff Hayes welcomes feedback about the performance of any employee in his division.

Pat Raffee, Chief Deputy Clerk

P.S. You inquired about some line item budgeted amounts for the Elections department. The FY 2011 budget was created over a year ago by the former County Clerk, and I do not know the answers to your questions.