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Dear,
Michelle Ascension – Recorder / Registrar – Registrar of Voters,
Board of Supervisors,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the implementation of the Voters Choice Act in our county. The current system, which utilizes mail-in ballots, unsecured drop boxes, and centralized ballot tabulation machines, has raised serious questions about the integrity of our voting process.

One of my primary concerns is the use of universal mail-in ballots and unsecured drop boxes, which, in my view, opens avenues for potential abuse and compromises the sanctity of the voting process. Furthermore, the inclusion of same-day voter registration without robust eligibility verification poses a risk to the integrity of our elections.

The introduction of "vote centers" has not proven to be sufficient in handling the influx of in-person voters on election day. The limited space and minimal locations often result in long lines and extensive wait times, potentially inhibiting voters from exercising their right to vote. This could be a direct violation of election laws.

I firmly believe that the foremost responsibility of our elected officials is to uphold a transparent and trustworthy electoral process. The implementation of an election system that prioritizes convenience and flexibility over security and integrity risks eroding public confidence.

Operating under the guise of convenience, while neglecting to address proven vulnerabilities that could be exploited, undermines the very foundation of democracy. It is imperative that we prioritize the adoption of measures that bolster confidence and safeguard the integrity of our elections.

As constituents, we entrust our elected officials with the solemn duty of ensuring that our electoral process remains free from manipulation and deception. Anything less than a steadfast commitment to transparency compromises the legitimacy of our democratic institutions.

Another item that must be brought into our voting system is 'Voter ID'. To use the phrase that some people are unable to get ID's is only in the case of illegal immigrants, which do not have the right to vote in our elections.

I understand the importance of adapting to changing circumstances, but it is crucial that such changes do not compromise the confidence of the electorate in our democratic process. I believe that a return to a one-day election with traditional voting methods is in the best interest of our community.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and your dedication to ensuring fair and

transparent elections. I look forward to your thoughtful consideration of these concerns and a potential reevaluation of the current voting system.

Thank you for your time and commitment to upholding the democratic values that our great Republic stands for.

Sincerely,

Keith Melford