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Good Morning Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

I am a lifelong resident of Ventura county who has been voting since the 90s. I've been watching the "Election Education Series" and listening to all the comments from the Citizens, Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Registrar of Voters (ROV). I still maintain the position that I am NOT in favor of the Voters Choice Act (VCA). I encourage the Board to "Opt-Out" of the Voters Choice Act and to return to one day voting and paper only ballots.

The County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters, Michelle Ascension is a self-declare "Election Nerd", but for some reason she is not flexible when considering how the elections have only recently been dramatically changed (in 2020). I would think that a self-declared "Election Nerd" would want to make sure that elections are done with as little chance for FRAUD as is possible, but the ROV is using the VCA, which has created more chances for FRAUD. Why? Only the ROV can answer that question, but they are instead moving forward with the VCA election process and not making any changes - They are only informing the citizens how the VCA process is being implemented.

Again, I want to state that the VCA is creating more ways for FRAUD – whether these ways are in reality or in theory – the VCA has created doubt – Strong Doubt in the election process.

I was NOT reassured by the Q&A with the BOS and the ROV and was left with stronger doubts about the elections process;

- The BOS repeatedly asked questions of the one legal counsel person, who repeatedly responded with what sounded like the BOS has no authority over anything election related, or regarding the VCA, which I HIGHLY DOUBT.
- Michelle Ascension couldn't definitively answer who would catch voter registration FRAUD, regarding the fake registrant, "Felix T. Cat".
- One BOS member made comments about not wanting to hear information being shared the is not "evidence based" and then proceeded to give their own "non-evidenced-based" information/opinion about how less people voted in 2022 than in 2020 and therefore that could be data in support of No Election Fraud.
- One BOS member and the ROV stated they have voted by mail for multiple years and that they don't understand what the big deal is. – Those remarks have to be the most *disingenuous* of the session and I would hope they would recant from such misleading statements.

I can give all the BOS members a pass on all of this. They are most likely just learning about the VCA and hearing all the concerns for the first time and haven't yet discovered their true legal authority to take action regarding any of the concerns. I would encourage the BOS to educate themselves and know that they would have my support in choosing to "Opt-Out" of the VCA and in making effective changes to the voting process as soon as possible – to meaningfully change the realities and perceptions of voter fraud in our county.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Citizen of Ventura County, District 4  
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