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**VIA MESSENGER**

Ms. Susan Slonecker  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney - King County  
500 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: King County Records & Elections Investigation

Dear Ms. Slonecker:

In late April, 2005, you requested that Williams, Kastner & Gibbs, through Peter S. Hicks and Sheryl J. Willert, conduct an investigation into issues that arose during the elections process commencing with the November, 2004 general election through the April 26, 2005 vote by mail election. The specific requests made by the County were: (1) investigate personnel issues associated with the April 26, 2005 election; specifically at least overseas and military ballot packages that were missing ballots; and (2) investigate personnel issues specifically associated with absentee ballot processing from the November 2004 General Election; specifically (a) 93 plus ballots that were not opened or further processed during the 2004 General Election, (b) absentee ballots coded as "no signature of file" (NSOF) that were not processed in the 2004 General Election prior to the initial certification date of November 16, 2004, (c) issues related to the Mail Ballot Report for the 2004 General Election including whether instructions were followed, how the Report was prepared and how the numbers were determined, and (d) an overall review of process and procedures followed or not followed by personnel within the absentee processing section during the 2004 General Election.

This report will set forth specific findings with respect to each of the issues raised above.

**Methodology.**

The undersigned investigators conducted interviews with numerous individuals in an effort to arrive at reasonable conclusions regarding the issues which were being investigated. Interviews were conducted with the following individuals: Mikki Asmundson, Robin Blake, Sean Bouffiou, Cecil Bowie; Celeste Dorsey, Samantha Duncan, Ed Faccone, Garth Fell, Joanne Gardner, Bill

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