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## VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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RE: Complaint Filed with Wisconsin Elections Commission: City of Wausau: Donna and Norbert Normand

Dear Attorney Witecha:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated February 4, 2021, along with the sworn statement filed by Norbert and Donna Normand. Please find below, my response.

I, Leslie M. Kremer, Clerk of the City of Wausau, WI, provide this sworn statement in response to the complaint filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission, by Donna and Norbert Normand.

- 1. Donna and Norbert Normand contacted me by telephone on or about January 27, 2021;
- 2. Donna and Norbert Normand stated to me that they had voted in the City of Wausau, in the November 3, 2020 General Election;
- 3. Donna and Norbert Normand stated to me that, after returning the Absentee Ballots that the City of Wausau had issued to them for the November 3, 2020 General Election, they received some additional ballots ("Subject Ballots") for the November 3, 2020 General Election, that did not appear to have come from the City of Wausau. The Normands explained to me that the Subject Ballots were loose in an envelope, that there was not a Certification Envelope enclosed with the ballots and that the materials received did not look like what they had initially received from the City of Wausau to vote absentee.
- 4. Donna and Norbert Normand stated to me that, when they received these Subject Ballots, they contacted the City of Wausau Clerk's office to confirm that the Absentee Ballots they had voted and sent back to the City of Wausau previously, for the November 3, 2020 election, were received in our office. The Normands stated that our office confirmed that we had received them. The Normands stated to me that they then discarded the Subject Ballots.
- 5. Donna and Norbert Normand stated to me that they have been reflecting on the 2020 General Election, due to the widespread media coverage, and began wondering if the Subject Ballots were fraudulently sent from some unknown person or organization. The Normands advised that they wanted to file a sworn affidavit about this incident that happened to them and wondered who best to file that Affidavit with.

- 6. I asked the Normands if they were certain that the Subject Ballots were actual ballots or if it was possible that they mistook a third party mailing of Absentee Ballot Applications for ballots. The Normands stated that they were certain what they had received were ballots because they recalled seeing candidate names on them.
- 7. I advised the Normands that I believed the Wisconsin Elections Commission would be the best entity to file their sworn affidavit with since the City of Wausau did not have anything to do with the Subject Ballots they received. The Normands advised that is what they would be doing.
- 8. The City of Wausau did not send duplicate ballots to the Normands.
- 9. The City of Wausau did not violate any election law in this matter or commit any fraud.
- 10. The City of Wausau carefully and lawfully administers elections.

Dated this day of February, 2021.

Leslie M. Kremer, Affiant City Clerk, City of Wausau

State of Wisconsin County of Marathon

Signed and sworn to before me on February 5, 2021, by Leslie M. Kremer, City Clerk for the City of Wausau.

Mary Goede, Notary Public

My/commission expires: \_2