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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2012

TO: All Wisconsin County Clerks
The Milwaukee County Election Commission

FROM: Diane Lowe, Elections Specialist
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SUBJECT: Registered Write-in Candidates for November 6, 2012 General Election

Registered Write-in Candidates for Federal and State Offices

Accompanying this memorandum is a list of registered write-in candidates for federal and state offices. There is no deadline for a candidate to register as a write-in candidate for an office other than President of the United States. Therefore, names may be added to this list between now and the election. Individual county clerks will receive updates as additional registrations arrive. The party or statement of principle is given for informational purposes only. All votes for a write-in candidate for an office are added together, regardless of whether the voter indicated a party or statement of principle next to the write-in candidate's name.

Registered Write-in Candidates for the Office of President and Vice President of the United States

The deadline for prospective write-in candidates for this office to file a Declaration of Candidacy and a list of presidential electors was 4:30 p.m. on October 23, 2012. Only two slates of write-in Presidential/Vice Presidential candidates have qualified.

Notifying Your Municipal Clerks

Please notify the municipal clerks in your county of registered write-in candidates that affect their reporting units. Municipal clerks must provide their inspectors with a list of registered write-in candidates and the offices for which they are running. This list is not to be posted or advertised in any way. The list should be present at the polling place, in a folder, so that if a voter directly asks an inspector about write-in candidates, the inspector may refer to the list. Inspectors may not volunteer write-in candidate information.

All write-in votes must be tallied, whether or not the vote is for a registered write-in candidate.

Canvass Reporting System

Registered write-in candidates will have separate columns in the CRM. Votes for registered write-in candidates must be recorded in the proper column. All other write-in votes may be accumulated into the scattering column.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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