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MEMORANDUM

To: All County Clerks and Milwaukee County Board of Election Commissioners

FROM: Diane Lowe, Lead Elections Specialist

DATE: July 2, 2014

SUBJECT: **Update** to Previous 2015 and 2016 Party Ballot Order for Ballot Status Parties

Listed below is the ballot order for parties which at this time qualify for a separate ballot for the partisan primary and a separate column for the general election for all 2015 and 2016 partisan offices. Ballot order is determined by the highest number of votes received by the highest office in the last general election. For 2015 and 2016, every recognized political party listed on the official ballot at the November 4, 2014 General Election (Democratic, Republican and Constitution Parties) whose candidate for governor received at least one percent of the total votes cast for governor shall have a separate primary ballot (Republican and Democratic Parties).

If a recognized political party did not have a gubernatorial candidate or their gubernatorial candidate did not receive at least one percent of the total votes cast, that party will have a separate ballot if one or more of their candidates received at least one percent of the total votes cast for a statewide office at the 2014 gubernatorial election (Constitution Party).

Candidates listed as “independent,” who received at least 1% of the votes cast for a statewide office will also have a separate ballot (Libertarian & Wisconsin Green Parties), provided the chairperson and secretary of the party petition the G.A.B. for ballot status no later than April 1, 2016. **Both parties have petitioned for ballot status.**

By April 1, 2016, other political parties may petition for ballot status for the 2016 partisan election. Wis. Stats. §§.5.62(1)(a), (b), (2), 5.64(1)(b).

PARTY BALLOT ORDER FOR 2015-2016 PARTISAN ELECTIONS

REP - Republican Party

DEM - Democratic Party

CON - Constitution Party

LIB – Libertarian Party

WGR - Wisconsin Green Party

IND – Independent

If you have any questions regarding the party ballot order for 2015 and 2016, please contact the Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or gabhelpdesk@wi.gov.