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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
Milwaukee County Election Commission

FROM: Diane Lowe, Lead Elections Specialist
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DATE: January 10 2017

SUBJECT: Certification of Candidates for the 2017 Spring Primary and Election
Sample Ballots
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Primary and Election Information

The Spring Primary will be held on February 21, 2017, and the Spring Election will be held on April 4, 2017. Accompanying this email is the primary certification of candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and judicial office in the counties where a primary is required. Also included is the certification of candidates for judicial offices in counties where a primary is not required. Candidates on Ballot reports for the spring primary and spring election may be located on the WEC website as attachments here: <http://elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/2017/spring>.

Certification of Candidates for Spring Primary

A Certificate of Nomination for the February 21, 2017 Spring Primary is attached. All counties will hold a primary for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The following counties are required to hold a judicial primary for **Circuit Court Judge**: Manitowoc, Polk and Trempealeau.

Certification of Candidates for Spring Election

Certificates of Nomination for the April 4, 2017 Spring Election are attached for counties where judicial offices do not require a primary.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 1 – This office will appear on the judicial ballot in Milwaukee County.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 2 – This office will appear on the judicial ballot in the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 4 – This office will appear on the judicial ballot in the counties of Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood.

Circuit Court Judge – This office will appear at least once on the judicial ballot in the counties of Burnett, Dane, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Grant, Iron, Jefferson, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Marathon, Milwaukee, Oconto, Outagamie, Polk, Racine, Rock, Sheboygan, Trempealeau, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

All counties will receive an amended election certificate of nomination following the primary canvass.

Type B Notice

Sample Type B Notices for the Spring Primary and Spring Election have been posted to the website under Clerks/Election Notices. <http://elections.wi.gov/clerks/notices> (The first two notices under “Type B Notice.”) Please review the sample notices and delete any paragraphs that do not apply to your county. The Type B Notice for the spring primary, including the sample ballots, must be published the day before the primary, Monday, February 20, 2017. The Type B Notice for the spring election, including the sample ballots, must be published the day before the spring election, Monday, April 3, 2017.

If no daily newspaper is published in the county, the notice must be published in the closest issue preceding the election. You may choose to publish the Type B Notice on Saturday or Sunday preceding the election if you determine that more effective notice will be given.

County clerks must provide a copy of the Type B Notice to each municipal clerk within the county. Municipal clerks are required to post a copy of the Information to Electors from the Type B notice and two samples of each ballot at each polling place on Primary and Election Days.

Sample Ballots

Sample paper and optical scan ballots for the Spring Primary may be found on the WEC website. <http://elections.wi.gov/forms/ballots>. The primary ballot series is EL-208. The samples should be modified so that any office not requiring a primary is eliminated from the primary ballot (EL-208).

Sample paper and optical scan ballots for the Spring Election will be posted today or tomorrow. The election ballot series is EL-209. Any office not up for election should be eliminated from the body of the election ballot (EL-209).

Each sample OS ballot is available in both “arrow” and “oval” format.

Please see the ballot memo posted to the Recent Clerk Communication page on December 30, 2016 for information on paper and optical scan ballots, ballot review, and placement of the offices of Multi-jurisdictional Municipal Judge and Town Sanitary District Commissioner.

Canvass Reporting

Remember that your primary canvass summary statement is to be sent electronically to elections.canvass@wi.gov or faxed to 608-267-0500, as soon as possible after you complete your canvass, but **no later than March 2, 2017**. *Your original canvass signed by the County Board of Canvassers must be delivered to the WEC as soon as possible.*

Spring election canvasses are to be sent electronically to elections.canvass@wi.gov or faxed to 608-267-0500, as soon as possible after you complete your canvass, but **no later than April 14, 2017**. *Your original canvass signed by the County Board of Canvassers must be delivered to the WEC as soon as possible.*

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact the Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or elections@wi.gov.

Attachments: Primary Certification
Election Certification