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DATE: March 29, 2017

TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
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FROM: Michael Haas
Interim Administrator

SUBJECT: State Budget Public Hearings

To follow up on our recent communication regarding the 2017-19 State Budget, the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance has scheduled six public hearings around the state beginning next week to hear testimony about any aspect of the biennial budget. The Wisconsin Elections Commission encourages local election officials to attend these public hearings if they occur in your area and to provide feedback related to the WEC's budget. Following is the announced schedule for the public hearings:

Monday, April 3 (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Ullsvick Hall
30 South Hickory Street
Platteville, WI 53818

Wednesday, April 5 (10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

State Fair Park – Exposition Center
8200 West Greenfield Avenue
West Allis, WI 53214

Friday, April 7 (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Berlin High School Auditorium
222 Memorial Drive
Berlin, WI 54923

Tuesday, April 18 (10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

Spooner High School Auditorium
801 County Highway A
Spooner, WI 54801

Wednesday, April 19 (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Ellsworth High School Gymnasium
323 West Hillcrest Street
Ellsworth, WI 54011

Friday, April 21 (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Marinette High School Auditorium
2135 Pierce Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143

A copy of the public hearing notices is attached.

In addition to taking testimony at the hearings, the Committee will accept written comments emailed to BudgetComments@legis.wisconsin.gov or mailed to Joe Malkasian, Room 305 East, State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702. Also, the Elections Commission would be interested in receiving a copy of any comments submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance by email to elections@wi.gov.

As we previously stated, of course, you may also contact your own state legislators regarding your views related to the Elections Commission budget and the impact of any staff reduction on your operations and ability to properly conduct elections, as well as any other legislative issue. Additional background information regarding the WEC's budget request can be found in our previous communication at <http://elections.wi.gov/node/4958>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for any input you wish to provide. Please feel free to contact me at 608-266-0136 or Michael.haas@wi.gov if you have any questions regarding the agency's proposed budget or the budget process.