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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2016

TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
City of Milwaukee Election Commission
Wisconsin County Clerks
Milwaukee County Election Commission

FROM: Michael Haas, Administrator
Nathan Judnic, Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: High Priority Communication: Distribution of ID Petition Process (IDPP) Palm Cards at Polling Locations

On October 24, 2016, the court in the *One Wisconsin Institute* case ordered the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) to:

- Send an electronic version of the IDPP palm card to all municipal clerks, with instructions to print copies and distribute them to all polling locations.
- Advise all municipal clerks to instruct their election inspectors to offer the IDPP palm card to all individuals who either cast a provisional ballot, are otherwise unable to cast a regular ballot because they do not present a qualifying ID, or request information regarding obtaining a free ID.
- Advise all municipal clerks to instruct their election inspectors to encourage provisional voters to visit a DMV as soon as possible after they cast their ballot to ensure they receive a qualifying ID document by the Friday after the election.

On October 17, 2016, the WEC provided all county and municipal clerks an electronic version of both the English and Spanish versions of the IDPP palm card and encouraged clerks to have them available in their offices and other locations in the community. See the previous communication here:

<http://elections.wi.gov/node/4268>

Pursuant to the Court's order, we are again providing clerks with an electronic version of the IDPP palm cards (English and Spanish) and are now instructing clerks to print them for use at the polls on November 8, 2016. Pursuant to the Court's order, the WEC is advising municipal clerks to train their inspectors to distribute the IDPP palm card in the following instances:

1. When a provisional ballot is issued to a voter due to lack of a photo ID, along with the provisional ballot instructions.

2. When a person appears at the polls that is unable to cast a regular ballot because they do not have a qualifying photo ID, or if a voter is inquiring about obtaining a free photo ID for voting.

We understand that it may be difficult to accurately predict how many palm cards will be needed at specific polling places to issue to voters in the above categories. The palm card will not need to be issued to most voters, but we ask that you supply a sufficient amount to assist those voters that fall into the categories noted above.

Finally, pursuant to the Court's order, the WEC is advising municipal clerks to train their inspectors to encourage individuals that are issued a provisional ballot to visit a DMV as soon as possible, to ensure that the individual will receive a qualifying ID in time for their provisional ballot to be counted by the Friday after the election. While DMV will be issuing the temporary receipt by overnight delivery during the week before and the week of the election, voters should not wait until the last minute to apply for a photo ID.

It is important to remember that if an individual appears at the polls and is unable to present an acceptable form of photo ID, he or she should be offered the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot.

Additional IDPP Information

For more detailed information regarding the IDPP, please visit the DMV's website:
<http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/petition-process.aspx>

For additional information regarding the IDPP, please visit the WEC's Bring It to the Ballot website:
<http://www.bringitwisconsin.com/how-do-i-get-free-state-id-card>

Press releases issued by the Commission with additional information about the IDPP can also be found here: *Free Photo ID for Voting Now Available with One Trip to DMV*
<http://elections.wi.gov/node/4030> and here: *DMV Offers Overnight Delivery of Free Photo ID Document Near Election* <http://elections.wi.gov/node/4137>

If you have questions regarding the Court's most recent order please contact the Elections Commission HelpDesk at elections@wi.gov or at (608) 261-2028.