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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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Milwaukee County Election Commission

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SUBJECT: Recommendations to Check Ballots for the April 3 Spring Election

We are informed that some county clerks used new or different vendors for printing ballots for the April 3, 2012 Spring Election and Presidential Preference vote. Some of the problems include arrows on the ballots are not aligned with candidates and ballots that are oversized in that they do not fit voting machines.

We are sharing this information with you to suggest that if you did or did not use a different print vendor, or if you have not tested your ballots on your voting systems, you are urged to do so immediately in order to determine as soon as possible if there are problems that should be addressed before next Tuesday's Spring Election.

A friendly reminder that Wisconsin statutes require the testing of voting system to be noticed at least 48 hours prior to the test and tested at least ten (10) days before the Election Day. It is recommended that as soon as you are provided your memory devices from your voting equipment programmer, to test as quickly as possible, in order to identify any potential anomalies. This recommendation is in addition to the statutory public test.

As always, we appreciate your usual corporation.

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