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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Diane Lowe
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DATE: December 30, 2016

SUBJECT: 2017 Spring Ballots

The following sample Spring Primary ballots have been posted to the WEC website at <http://elections.wi.gov/forms/ballots>. Spring Election ballots will be posted soon.

Paper Hand-Count Ballots

EL-208 (State and County)
EL-212 (Cities)
EL-214 (Villages)
EL-216 (Towns, numbered seats)
EL-217 (Towns, unnumbered seats)
EL-220 (Sanitary District)
EL-228 (Referendum)
EL-229 (Reverse side of paper ballot)
EL-230 (Multi-jurisdictional Judge)

Optical Scan Ballots

EL-208mtn (Towns, numbered seats) Arrows**
EL-208mtn (Towns, numbered seats) Ovals**
EL-208mtu (Towns, unnumbered seats) Arrows**
EL-208mtu (Towns, unnumbered seats) Ovals
EL-208mv (Villages) Arrows*
EL-208mv (Villages) Ovals*
EL-208mc (Cities) Arrows
EL-208mc (Cities) Ovals

* For placement of the office of Multi-jurisdictional Municipal Judge on an optical scan or consolidated ballot, see either EL-208mv ballot.

** For placement of the office of Sanitary District Commissioner on an optical scan or consolidated ballot, see EL-208mtu (Arrows) or either EL-208mtn ballot.

The sample ballots should be modified so that any office not requiring a primary is eliminated from the primary ballot.

Commission Ballot Approval and Recommendation for Spring Ballots

At its December 14, 2016 meeting, the Wisconsin Elections Commission approved the general format of ballots for the Spring Primary and Spring Election. The Commissioners recommended one modification

to the spring ballots: Change “Ballot continues on other side” to “Turn ballot over.” Otherwise, the ballot format is the same as in spring 2016.

Ballot Review

County Clerks are required to submit ballot proofs for review by WEC staff. Ballots may be faxed to 608-267-0500 or emailed to the Help Desk at elections@wi.gov. When submitting ballot proofs for approval, please submit only one representative sample of your ballot format. Staff will review the format of the ballot (basic design, categories, office titles, number of candidates and write-in lines and instructions). Staff will look over state candidate names, but you are responsible for confirming the spelling and format of the names of state candidates by proofing your ballots against the posted Candidates on Ballot document.

Upon receipt of your ballot critique, you may proceed with printing after making any corrections or modifications identified by WEC staff. Please do not continue to send proofs until you get a “perfect score.” You will have documentation of the modifications we recommended.

Possibility of Statewide Primary

Six candidates have registered for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. So far, none have filed nomination papers so we will wait and see what happens on deadline day.

If you have questions, or if staff can be of assistance, please contact the Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or elections@wi.gov.

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