



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Clerk Maribeth Witzel-Behl
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Sent via email to: mwitzel-behl@cityofmadison.com; mhaas@cityofmadison.com; mayor@cityofmadison.com

Dear Clerk Witzel-Behl:

Today, the Wisconsin Elections Commission passed the following motion unanimously in an open session meeting:

The Wisconsin Elections Commission (“the Commission”) authorizes an investigation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.06(4) to determine whether City of Madison Clerk Maribeth Witzel-Behl has failed to comply with the law or abused her discretion regarding the 193 uncounted absentee ballots from Wards 56, 65, and 68 from the November 5, 2024, General Election. Staff are directed to conduct the investigation pursuant to the January 2, 2025, memo, the bipartisan discovery requests prepared by Chair Jacobs and Commissioner Millis, and any parameters or directives that achieved consensus during the Commission discussion. Staff are directed to immediately transmit the discovery requests to Clerk Witzel-Behl, as soon as they are finalized, and to make those requests immediately available to the public. Staff are directed to summarize the findings of the investigation for the Commission at an upcoming meeting so that the Commission can provide further direction.

Enclosed, please find the Commission’s first set of requests for information along open records request for pertinent documents.

If you have questions about this letter, the enclosures, or the Commission’s decision, please feel free to contact the Commission at 608-266-8005 or elections@wi.gov.

Sincerely,

WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meagan R.M. Wolfe".

Meagan Wolfe
Administrator

cc: Commission Members

Commissioners

Ann S. Jacobs, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Don M. Millis | Carrie Riepl | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

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