

**Before The Elections Commission**

To address the complaint filed by James Barrette in regard to the April 5, 2022 election:

During the counting of absentee ballots received for the election in question, one ballot that I encountered during counting was rejected by the ballot counting machine due to unreadable marks - apparently some bubbles on the ballot had not been filled completely and thoroughly and exceeded the margins of the bubbles. It was then determined by the advice of fellow election officials present that this ballot in question should be remade. The old ballot with unreadable marks was subsequently marked with a 'BAD BALLOT' sticker, which was endorsed by two officials, and a new ballot was acquired, issued, and likewise marked with a 'GOOD BALLOT' sticker endorsed by two election officials. I then proceeded to mark selections on the new ballot from a table near the other elections officials present, ensuring that the bubbles were thoroughly filled in and readable, and that selections were completely accurate to the original ballot. However the other election officials present in the room were meanwhile preoccupied with voter check-in and ballot issuance and I intended to seek further review once they were no longer preoccupied. Regardless, official Barrette approached me as I was remaking the ballot in question and expressed concerns that there was no second party or witness to this event, and in doing such stood directly over me and was party to the remaking of the ballot. I subsequently sought his review of the old ballot and the remade ballot to ensure that the selections on the remake were accurate to the selections on the rejected ballot. Barrette obliged and offered no remarks of inaccuracy. It was my impression that there had been sufficient oversight in the remake process to proceed, and as such brought the remade ballot to the machine to be counted and then placed the rejected ballot into its proper envelope. Election Official James Barrette would later express concerns to Official Michelle Shramek regarding this event, prompting Ms. Shramek to suggest that I avoid engaging with any further ballot remakes should they become necessary, which I would comply with to avoid further concerns.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2022

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Michael L. Griswold

Subscribed and sworn before me  
Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2022

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Notary Public: County of \_\_\_\_\_, Wisconsin  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



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*Debra L. Flynn*

Notary Public: County of RAVINE, Wisconsin

My commission expires 10/15/2024

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