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Sent via Email to nathan.judnic@wi.gov

RE: Complaint Filed by Jonathan Hunt on November 3rd Regarding Treatment of Absentee Ballots

This letter is in response to the November 3, 2020 (received by the Milwaukee Election Commission on November 4, 2020), complaint filed by Jonathan Hunt alleging that in violation of §6.97(2) and §7.52(3), the City of Milwaukee unlawfully transfers absentee ballots to other municipalities instead of rejecting the ballots.

State Statute §6.97(2) is regarding the absentee voting procedure for individuals not providing proof of identification or residence at the time of receiving an absentee ballot. The City of Milwaukee does not have any voters who fall into this category. State Statute §7.52(3) refers to rejecting an absentee ballot if the voter is not a qualified elector of the ward or election district. This is not referring to rejecting a ballot of another jurisdiction, but rather learning that a registered voter within the municipality is no longer qualified to vote due to death, felony, or moving more than 28 days prior to the election.

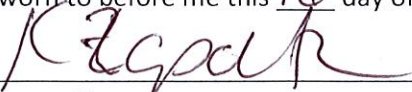
Neither of these statutes apply to pre-processing procedures relative to receiving absentee ballots via the United State Postal Service or absentee ballot drop box for registered voters of a different municipality. The City of Milwaukee often receives ballots erroneously through both avenues and makes every effort to return any ballot that is erroneously delivered to the City of Milwaukee, regardless of the ballot's "parent" municipality.

Sincerely,

Claire Woodall-Vogg
Executive Director

STATE OF WISCONSIN
County of Milwaukee

Sworn to before me this 16 day of November, 2020


Notary Signature



My commission expires 06-09-2024, or is permanent

