



# Wisconsin Elections Commission

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May 24, 2021

Tara Coolidge  
City of Racine – City Clerk/Treasury Manager  
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Racine, WI 53403

**Sent via Email:** [TARA.COOLIDGE@CITYOFRACINE.ORG](mailto:TARA.COOLIDGE@CITYOFRACINE.ORG)

**Re: Complaint Filed with Wisconsin Elections Commission**  
EL-21-32: James Sewell v. Itson Sims et al.

Dear Clerk Coolidge:

Enclosed with this letter, please find a sworn Wisconsin Statute § 5.06 complaint filed with our office from James Sewell. The complaint is related to alleged failures by numerous poll workers in different wards to properly mark remade ballots in accordance with the procedures outlines in Wis. Stat. § 5.85.

As you may be aware, individuals that believe the actions of an election official were contrary to an election law or were an abuse of discretion in applying an election law may file a complaint with our office. To process this complaint, I ask that you provide a sworn written response to the complaint within 10 business days of receipt of this letter and complaint. Your response should address the allegations raised in Mr. Sewell's complaint. I am sending this letter to your office on the chance the city intends to distribute the complaint and respond on behalf of the consolidated respondents. The WEC would be more than willing to serve each respondent individually, but I would ask that you please provide a more legible copy of names/addresses for the elections inspectors.

After you file your response, Mr. Sewell will then be afforded the opportunity to file a reply to your response within 10 business days of receipt of your response. Once all the allowable filings have been made, the Commission staff will review the information and draft a decision in consultation with the Commission Administrator. The Administrator will then consult with the Commission Chair and issue the decision, after permitting Commission members an opportunity to provide any feedback.

You may file your response via email addressed to [james.witecha@wisconsin.gov](mailto:james.witecha@wisconsin.gov) so long as it is clear that the original document has been in fact sworn before an individual that can administer oaths, like a notary public. You may also file the response by regular mail to the address listed in the header above.

*Wisconsin Elections Commissioners*

Ann S. Jacobs, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Julie M. Glancey | Dean Knudson | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

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Administrator  
Meagan Wolfe

If you have any additional questions on this, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-0136.

**WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

*James C. Witecha*

Jim Witecha  
Staff Attorney

CC: Meagan Wolfe, Administrator, WEC

Enclosure