



**SUBJECT : Preliminary Expert Analysis of Commissioner District 2 Discrepancies**

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Dear DeKalb Co. Board Members and Director Smith,

I want to thank each of you again for your commitment and dedication to ensure the accuracy of the 2022 Primary races by ordering a full hand count audit of the District2 Commission race. The hard work of the staff and volunteers found results and outcome **totally different** than the results and outcome the Dominion voting system reported. You are now faced with a difficult task of determining why the discrepancies exist and what to do.

To assist your efforts, **I asked our international team of experts to review the discrepancies.** The team includes a half dozen experts who are highly experienced in information technology, voting system forensics, data analysis and investigative research. I personally have over 40 years of Information Technology experience in a wide variety of disciplines as well as 20 years of part time research into electronic voting systems.

We have heard the discrepancies found in the District2 race could have been created by error after one candidate withdrew from the race. This error could have caused a candidate alignment mismatch in the ballot definitions between Ballot Marking Devices (BMD) and scanner/tabulators. We sought to answer the question: ***“Could such a ballot definition misalignment of candidates be the sole reason for the results discrepancies found?”*** Even when we consider the five precincts affected by redistricting (see Appendix), the unanimous answer is ***“No!”***.

A ballot definition misalignment of candidates could **not** be the sole reason for the discrepancies found because:

- There is over a 1,300-vote difference between the voting system total votes cast and the hand count audit votes cast. **This total vote discrepancy has nothing to do with a ballot definition alignment.** The current Dominion system simply **failed** to count those votes regardless of how the candidates are aligned.
- A ballot definition alignment mismatch would typically show all of one candidate’s votes for another candidate and all of that candidate’s votes for still another candidate. That was not the case for District2 as **there are a variety of different types of inexplicable discrepancies that fit no particular pattern.**
- A ballot definition alignment mismatch between scanners and BMDs would show similar discrepancies for all in person voting. Instead, **the inexplicable discrepancies are dramatically more pronounced on Election Day as opposed to Early Voting.**



Given these facts we make the following logical conclusions:

- **There is a far more serious counting problem with the Dominion voting system than a ballot definition mis-alignment of candidates would cause.**
- **There is no single mistake that DeKalb Co. staff could have made to cause the dramatic, voting system counting errors that have been uncovered since some of the errors are outside the staff's control.**
- **Since the voting system counting errors cannot be attributed to candidate withdrawal, DeKalb County must audit the other races on the ballot to ensure that they are accurate.**
- **Copies of ballots produced independently of the voting system are necessary to verify the results of other races if audits are not conducted before certification.**
- **Since this is the only Georgia 2022 primary race that has been audited, the findings of the audit have dire implications for the validity of certifications by other counties throughout the state.**

I want to conclude by thanking all the members of the DeKalb County Election Board and the staff for recognizing your paramount duty is to ensure the accuracy of the election and by not succumbing to outside pressure to certify an election that you know has incorrect results. Although you have inherited a difficult problem you are laying the foundation for building DeKalb County into a shining example of how to handle severe election reporting problems through your commitment to election integrity and transparency.

Should you need assistance in auditing other races or performing other activities, we are glad to help supply volunteers from the greater metropolitan area for such a critical effort.

Sincerely,

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**Appendix:**

**District 2 results reported on May 24**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Election Day</b>	<b>Advance Voting</b>	<b>Absentee by Mail</b>	<b>Provisional</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lauren Alexander	2671	1428	283	0	4382
Marshall Orson	3343	1490	393	0	5226
Michelle Long Spears	589	2019	423	0	3031
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>6603</b>	<b>4937</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12639</b>

Votes omitted by a redistricting error should be added to table above

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Election Day</b>	<b>Advance Voting</b>	<b>Absentee by Mail</b>	<b>Provisional</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lauren Alexander	322	141	21	0	484
Marshall Orson	181	100	20	0	301
Michelle Long Spears	440	175	24	0	639
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1424</b>

**District 2 results of hand count reported on June 1**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Election Day</b>	<b>Advance Voting</b>	<b>Absentee by Mail</b>	<b>Provisional</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lauren Alexander	3008	1457	265	7	4737
Marshall Orson	2069	1492	362	5	3928
Michelle Long Spears	4080	2152	415	4	6651
Donald Broussard	53	41	39	0	133
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>9210</b>	<b>5142</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15449</b>