

## AFFIDAVIT OF BRIAN FREID

Before me, the undersigned authority, appeared who being first duly sworn, says:

1. My name is Brian Freid. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and in all respects am competent to make this Affidavit.

2. I am a citizen of Orange County, Florida. My home address is 1406 Rangewood Blvd. Orlando, FL 32818.

3. I was the Information Systems Director of the Orange County Supervisor of Elections in Orlando, Florida. In the regular performance of my job functions, I am familiar security issues that arose beginning in July of 2022, and I have personal knowledge of the operation of and the circumstances surrounding the processes, preparation, maintenance, retrieval and transportation of voter information, ballots and equipment that is used during the election process.

4. The facts set forth herein are based upon my personal knowledge and review

- a. Unsecure and Unsupervised creation, printing, management and storing of live ballots. **Exhibit 1** (attached hereto) illustrates the floor plan of the Supervisor of Elections Warehouse, indicating those critical area's that do not have security camera, and the security issues related to each:

- I. **Programming Room:** This is the area where the live ballots used in every election are created. The system used to create these ballots is secure and is not accessible outside of this room. The live ballots are created on this system in a 'PDF' format and are then written to a thumb drive so that they can be printed in the Technical Services Area. There is no management of ballot creation, ballot tracking, or the management of the thumb drives used to copy the ballot PDF's.

- II. **Technical Services Area:** This is where live ballots are printed for testing, so they can be reviewed and validated. They are used for local, outside and have in the past printed federal elections. This room also stores all the tabulation equipment that is used during all elections at the polling locations throughout the county. There is no tracking or management of the ballots created and the ballot stock that is used.
- III. **Server Closet:** This is where the server for the BlueCrest system resides. This system is used to manage the mail sorter and the login/password for this system had not been changed in years and is easily accessible by many fulltime and part time employees.
- IV. **Tablet Room:** This is where electronic poll books ((ePoll books) tablets and thumb drives are stored that are used to manage voters in every election. These are the same thumb drives that contain unredacted voter data for all voters, including protected voters. These thumb drives are not erased when they are returned after the election so this data may be stored in this room for years. This room is easily accessible by many fulltime and part time employees.
- V. **Records Vault:** This is where live ballots and voted ballots are stored. Also, all supplies used for every election (envelopes, secrecy sleeves, ballot stock, etc) are stored here as well. This room also has a tabulation machine used for early voting to count votes and stores live ballots during elections. This room is easily accessible by many fulltime and part time employees.

- b. I believe the office is not compliant with Florida Statute 101.015(4) which includes:  
“Chain of custody of ballots, including a detailed description of procedures to create a complete written record of the chain of custody of ballots and paper outputs beginning with their receipt from a printer or manufacturer until such time as they are destroyed.” and “Transport of ballots, including a description of the method and equipment used and a detailed list of the names of all individuals involved in such transport”.
- I. I have witnessed the Vote by Mail Ballots are delivered from the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) Office multiple times per day to the local Post Office by only one SOE employee or a single temporary worker. I was unable to find any documented procedures or chain of custody forms of how many Vote by Mail ballots are sent out or picked up.
- II. While working on the SOE office I was unable to find any documented procedures or tracking of information on who transported Vote by Mail ballots, when they were transported, what form of transportation was used (office van or box truck), how long the delivery took or how many were taken to the post office.
- III. While working on the SOE office I was unable to find any documented procedures or tracking of information on who retrieved Vote by Mail ballots, when they were picked up, what form of transportation was used (office van or box truck), how long the process took or how many were retrieved from the post office.

- c. Mismanagement of voting supplies relating to the election process. Due to this mismanagement, it wouldn't be difficult to take supplies without being discovered.
  - I. All of the consumables used in all elections are stored in the records vault (identified in **EXHIBIT 1**) since it is airconditioned.
  - II. I have witnessed firsthand that there is no accounting for the supplies that are used for testing or for election.
  
- d. Concerns over these factors that would make Vote by Mail fraud a possibility. This possibility is made even greater by combing the afore mentioned lack of tracking, missing chain of custody, poor oversight and the following factors:
  - I. Most of these secure areas use old pin locks to secure the doors and the combinations for these locks have not been changed in many years. Most of the doors use the same combinations and are know by most staff member and many of the temporary workers.
  - II. There is the ability to print an unlimited number of live ballots undetected either in the technical services area or offsite by using the ballot thumb drive.
  - III. There is the ability to use unlimited Vote by Mail envelopes and the ability to either bring them back on site unobserved or by making use of drop boxes.
  - IV. All 876,662+ voter signatures may have been exfiltrated by the same person(s) that committed potentially 13 felonies, accessed employee's private information and accessed secure systems without cause or authorization.

B. S. J.

BRIAN FREID

12/22/2022

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 22 day of December, 2022 by Brian Freid (name of person acknowledging), who is **personally known to me** or who has produced Florida D.L. (type of identification) as identification.

Diana Ogeerally  
Signature of Notary Public

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