

These numbers are, again, obviously based on a preliminary, simple analysis. But it is not unlikely that this pattern will hold, and, if it does, it means that the will of the people will not be honored.

I am writing you for two reasons:

First, I believe that it is your solemn responsibility to examine the election results carefully and thoroughly, and to compare the results of this election in our county both to prior elections in our county and to other counties within Florida and the US. I urge you to consult with the best counsel you can find (including statistical as well as legal experts) to examine whether bias exists, that is, whether there has been a systematic distortion in our county-wide results.

Second, if it is the case that poor ballot design has resulted in bias, I ask you to acknowledge this with courage, integrity, and an openness to creative (yet fair!) means of addressing this problem.

I appreciate the difficulty of the task that you face. My regards and appreciation for your continued public service, and my encouragement at this contentious time.

Sincerely,

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