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Cosgrove; CLALLAM - Shoona Radon; CLARK - Tim Likness;
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DOUGLAS - Marty Whitehall; DOUGLAS - Pat Pennington;
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- Diana Killian; GARFIELD - Peggy Laughery; GRANT - Faith
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Rosbach; LEWIS - Heather Borts; LEWIS - Mariann Zumbuhl;
LINCOLN - Dale Vaughan; LINCOLN - Tina Brown; MASON - Amber
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PACIFIC - Chris Stephens; PEND OREILLE - Liz Krezinsky;
PEND OREILLE - Tina Olson; PIERCE - Lori Augino; PIERCE -
Mike Rooney; SAN JUAN - Carlys Allen; SAN JUAN - Doris
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Subject: Today's Email Regarding PCO Races

Dear Election Partners,

It is my understanding that many of you received an email today from Luke Esser, Chair of the State Republican Party, regarding PCO elections.

I have attached a copy of Mr. Esser's email, as well as the Republican Party resolution that he refers to in his email.

I have also attached an email that I sent to County Auditors on August 28 addressing this issue. As I stated a few weeks ago:

State law requires County Auditors to place PCO elections on the public ballot, and to count the votes in those elections. Because the law on write-ins does not have an

exemption for PCO elections, we have been forced to follow the write-in rules for PCO races. This lack of a minimum vote requirement has become especially troublesome in PCO races where no candidate filed.

With regards to the political party's resolution, County Auditors have neither the responsibility nor the authority to follow PCO election results beyond certification of the results of the election.

It will be up to each major party to decide whether to recognize the PCO candidates who receive the most votes. Any disputes that arise from these decisions will be between the Party and the candidate.

Precinct Committee Officer is an internal position within each major political party. Whether a Precinct Committee Officer is "seated" or "recognized" at a party function is the business of the party, not the Elections Department.

If you have any questions, or are unable to open any of these attachments, please feel free to contact me. Otherwise, have a good weekend!

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