

Karen Brinson

From: Karen Brinson [karen.brinson@transylvaniacounty.org]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2012 11:10 AM
To: 'Norman Bossert'; 'Norman Bossert'
Subject: Complaint form and FW: Altered Official Sample Ballots
Attachments: 2012-10_Attachment_Non Voting Systems Incident Report.pdf

Hi Norm,

I've attached the official complaint form, but also wanted you to be aware of my email below.

Sorry to hear Shelly is still in the hospital. – Karen

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---- Original message ----

Date: Sun, 4 Nov 2012 09:24:30 -0500
From: "Karen Brinson" <karen.brinson@transylvaniacounty.org>
Subject: Altered Official Sample Ballots
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Good morning Jim, (cc: Board Members)

As I was delivering lunch to the One-Stop site around 12:15 yesterday, it was brought to my attention that a woman by the name of Pat (did not get her last name) was handing out altered official sample ballots in support of Republican candidates. When I approached her, she showed me the document, which was a color print out of the official Transylvania County DRE/iVotronic sample ballot with emblems/markings for the Republican candidates. She apologized and indicated she had created them on her own. I explained that state law did not allow for official sample ballots to be altered and distributed in such a manner, and she agreed to comply. I also explained that the TC Republican Party had created a sample ballot in support of Republican candidates that did meet state requirements, and she should speak with headquarters if she wanted the handout.

Though I believe she did this independent of the local Republican Party, I wanted to bring it to your attention because I know you and Jim Briggs have worked hard to comply with the law and to insure that campaigners are distributing compliant and party-authorized materials. Since she was also handing out what I recognized as the materials issued to campaigners from your headquarters, I would ask that your headquarters staff review this law and other procedures with campaigners so to best represent the Party and the candidates. If we can address this on the front end, it is my hope that Election Day will go even more smoothly for all of us.

The web link to the state law regarding sample ballots is
<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=163-165.2>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Have a great rest of the weekend -- Karen

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