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Public Comment for Special Session Meeting on 3/2/21

Dear County Council Members,

I am gravely concerned about the “hijacking” of our County Board of Elections by “rogue players”.

I have questions about how this “played out”. It appears that it was pre-planned. Who was involved with the pre-planning? And, pre-planning would be a violation of the “Sunshine Law”, no?

The website information about the Board of Election meeting and links for online access was no longer available that evening in the spot it had been for previous meetings. It was very difficult to find the link for access. Who changed it from where it was? Why was it changed? This seemed suspect to me. There were only two citizen phone comments that evening which was very unusual.

Walter Griffith was also present for this Board of Election meeting and remained silent when this violation of the County Charter was taking place. He, like Steve Urban, took an oath to uphold the Charter when they were sworn in as council members. Why did he not speak out for the citizens of Luzerne County? Why did he allow it to happen? Maybe he helped orchestrate and plan this? Mr. Griffith’s silence, and Mr. Urban’s actions are not only violations of the County Charter, they are also violations of the Code of Ethics.

One other grave concern that I have is this: After Mr. Urban was appointed during this sham of a meeting, Joyce Gebhardt Dombroski made a motion to request a private room at the Bureau of Election for two members of the Board of Election to have access to a computer with the SURE system. This went to a vote and they passed it. Keith Gould then stated that they needed

to get with the County Manager right away to get this access. I have serious election security concerns about any of these three (Gould, Dombroski Gebhardt and Urban) having access to our county's SURE system.

Lastly, Andrea Hill, the Acting Director of the Bureau of Elections was present for this meeting. She was seated in an office at a desk with Joyce Dombroski Gebhardt. Joyce made a statement during the meeting that going forward everyone would be "cooperating". This was in reference to working with the Bureau members and Council members. She also mentioned that Andrea had helped her post the amended Board of Election minutes to the website. Has Ms. Hill granted private access to the SURE system to (Gould, Urban, Griffith, Dombroski Gebhardt)?

Sincerely,

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