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Really looking forward to tomorrow's discussion on rebuilding confidence in Utah's Elections!

To make the most of our time together, please see the email below and the attached draft document.

Thank you!

Curtis & Ricky

A Four-fold Approach to Rebuild Confidence in Utah's Elections

Utah's elections have been increasingly secure for many years because the Lt. Governor's Office, legislature, clerks, and vendors have proactively sought security, accuracy, and integrity.

With the continuing dissemination of doubt about the integrity of the 2020 elections, the clerks would like to partner with the LG's office and the legislature to rebuild public trust in Utah's elections and to achieve sensible and effective elections-related legislation.

We realize that certain members of the legislature and public will not be convinced that Utah's elections are secure regardless of the evidence we provide. This approach is not designed to address their concerns; our audience is the approximately one-third of Utah voters (and the legislators who represent them) who currently have doubts about the integrity of Utah's elections.

Currently, the legislature has only two options regarding elections-related legislation: continue with the status quo, or enact dramatic and potentially harmful legislation that could establish costly and ineffective Maricopa-style election "audits." We need, and sensible legislators are asking for, a third option.

We would like to take a **four-fold approach**, with cooperation between LG and County Clerks:

1. Pre-empt potentially harmful election reform legislation by proactively identifying and proclaiming:
   a. Integrity of the current system, defined using a risk-and-control structure (see attached)
   b. Legislation that will achieve improvements to controls (preferably not heavily proscriptive legislation, but rather as administrative rules/standards of practice from the LG's office):

        i. Lt. Governor's Office auditing of the voter registration database

        ii. Randomized performance of election system hash validations

        iii. Established requirements regarding chain of custody for elections equipment

        iv. Observance from the LG's Office of randomly selected L&A and post-election audits

        v. Requiring written policies and procedures for counties (with help from the LG's Office) that ensure adequate controls for ballot custody, processing and tabulation.

2. Educating the legislature about existing processes and controls, as well as recommended improvements. Recommend starting with the Senate President and Speaker of the House.
3. Continuing support of the Olene Walker VOTE Certification, which demonstrates an ongoing commitment to the professionalism of Utah's election officials.
4. Public relations efforts in 2022:
   a. Coincide with legislative session
   b. Coincide with primary and general elections

Suggested Next Steps:

1. LG's office and clerks identify the best approach (both legislation and public relations efforts)
2. Provide risk and control document to clerks for review and self-evaluation. Zoom meeting with LG's office and clerks to discuss high-level strategy
3. Determine the roles of LG and Clerks Association in executing the strategy
4. LG's office and clerks invite legislators and party leaders to observe ballot processing for November's election
5. At UAC in Nov., clerks and LG's office discuss details of approach and get approval of funding of PR effort
6. Nov: LG and/or clerks group select PR company, begin work on PR plan
7. Jan – Feb: PR effort aimed towards legislature & media
8. June, Oct: PR efforts aimed towards general public and media

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> **You have been invited to the following event.**
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> **DMH-Elections Legislative Discussion**

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