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Warren City Clerk Addresses Election Ballot Preprocessing

I have been administering elections for 24 years and my staff has always demonstrated accuracy and precision with elections. Accuracy is the number one priority for me, and then speed is second. It is for these reasons that I have chosen not to preprocess.

First, it actually would take more time to pre-process absentee votes for eight days given the extra people needed, the time it takes, the storage necessitated, and the compiling afterwards, than one full day of counting.

Next, pre-processing is not mandated for clerks. The legislature could have easily mandated pre-processing, but they chose to make it optional. And finally, up to eight days of pre-processing opens the door for results to get leaked or compromised. I will not risk compromising the integrity of the election.

I also want the results quickly and we are committed to accomplishing that task in addition to keeping the election accurate, safe and secure. WE CAN DO THIS!

I hope that the scrutiny this office is getting will not discourage the general public from voting. As always, thank you for voting.

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