

**FILED** 10-17-2024 **CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY, WI** 2024CV003175 Honorable Frank D. Remington **Branch 8** 

September 15, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Wisconsin Elections Commission 201 W. Washington Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Madison, WI 53703

Email: elections@wisconsin.gov

## RE: Request for records under Wisconsin Open Records Law

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Dear Disclosure Officer:

I am writing to request inspection or copies of records under the Wisconsin Open Records Law. The Public Interest Legal Foundation is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, public-interest law firm that studies voter list maintenance procedures throughout the nation.

I seek records detailing the development and execution of Wisconsin Elections Commission ("WEC") guidance documents "(guidance") dated February 9, 2023, to county and municipal clerks relating to Election Day Registration postcards.

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Records Law, I request that your office provide copies of the following:

- 1. Copies of all communication records between WEC and county/municipal clerk offices regarding the development and execution of the guidance to date.
- 2. Copies of all communication records between WEC and legislative offices regarding the development and execution of the guidance to date.
- 3. Copies of all communication records between WEC and district attorneys regarding the development and execution of the guidance to date.
- 4. Copies of all communication records between WEC and non-governmental organizations and/or third parties regarding the development and execution of the guidance to date.
- 5. Copies of all communication records among WEC staff detailing the justification, planning, and circulation of the guidance to date.



## **Informational Interests**

The Public Interest Legal Foundation is a non-profit organization that specializes, in part, in voting and election related research. The Foundation regularly utilizes state and federal open records laws that require government records be made available to the public. Using records and data compiled through these open records laws, the Foundation produces and disseminates reports, press releases, newspaper opinion articles, blog and social media posts, podcasts, and newsletters to advance the public education aspect of its organizational mission. This request is made in furtherance of the Foundation's newsgathering and educational purposes.

Accordingly, I would like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of matters touching on the right to vote and the government's responsiveness to inquiries regarding the same.

If there are any copying expenses, please let us know in advance at the email address listed below. Otherwise, please send responsive records to: <a href="mailto:lchurchwell@publicinterestlegal.org">lchurchwell@publicinterestlegal.org</a>.

Thank you for your service on this matter.

Sincerely,

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