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Franklin County Canvassing Board
C/o The Honorable Matt Beaton, County Auditor
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Dear Canvassing Board Members:

In accordance with RCW 29A.04.570, the State Election Certification and Training Program conducted a comprehensive review of election procedures in Franklin County during the 2016 General Election.

This RCW also requires a follow-up visit to verify the Franklin County Elections Department has taken the necessary steps to correct the changes recommended in the review report.

The following recommendations from the review report were discussed during my follow-up visit:

Franklin County has made changes in the following areas:

- Disability Advisory Committee. The review report recommended reactivation of the DAC committee to address and update the DAC plan annually. The County Auditor has reactivated the committee, acquired new members, and will meet prior to the end of this year.
- Manual Ballot Inspection and Duplication. The review report recommended staff training focused on unique ballot inspection and duplication issues. Training is provided prior to each election. The Auditor has also purchased a new tabulation system.
- Verification Notice. The review report recommended updating the verification notice to ensure a voter is only required to provide missing information. Staff correctly request only missing information.
- Transmittal of Official County Canvass Report. The review report recommended immediate transmittal of the official county canvass report after certification. Election staff implemented a control to ensure compliance in all future elections.

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- Secure Storage and Processing of Ballots. The review report recommended use of seals and seal logs, and ballots being stored securely until processing begins. Ballots are now processed daily due to the new tabulation system. A two seal process has been implemented and all ballots are sealed and locked in a secure storage unit.

I commend the Franklin County Auditor Staff for their apparent dedication to the election process and their desire to continuously improve.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 725-5770 or email cindy.gobel@sos.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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