

MEMORANDUM

TO: Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff
FROM: Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)
DATE: August 8, 2023
SUBJECT: Someone voted for me??
PRESENTER: Richard Holden, Andover

Introduction

I am Richard Holden, Resident and home owner in Andover for 20 years. I worked as a police officer at a suburban law enforcement agency for 26 years. After retiring from the police department I taught high school for the Anoka/Hennepin School District.

I am here today because of my concerns about the integrity of our election system.

Analysis

The election held in 2014, my wife and I went to the Andover city hall to vote prior to the scheduled election day. On arrival we presented our Minnesota drivers license as identification and asked to pre vote. After a short wait my wife was provided a ballot and voted. I waited another 15 to 20 minutes with out getting a ballot. I asked the person in charge what the delay was. I was told to return to my chair while they checked.

Eventually I was called up and told I would not get a ballot because I had already voted. I was shocked because I knew I had not voted. After insisting that I had not voted there was another delay after which I was allowed to cast my ballot.

This was very disturbing. I regret not pursuing this further at the time. I still wonder if my vote was counted. My question is has any incident like this been reported by the voting system?

Conclusions/Recommendations

Attachments

Note: This Memorandum and Report will be emailed to Board Members, County Administrator, PRT Division Head and Elections Manager.