



Hennepin County Resident and Real Estate Services

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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55487-0060

June 27, 2016

The Honorable Rick Weible, Mayor of St. Bonifacius

Re: License agreement for use of Hennepin County electronic poll books

Dear Mayor Weible:

This letter is to confirm that in the proposed agreement between Hennepin County and the City of St. Bonifacius for the city's use of electronic poll books purchased by Hennepin County, the source of the data that Hennepin County will use to populate the devices is the Statewide Voter Registration System database, as maintained by the Office of the Secretary of State and that the electronic poll book system meets all legally required security standards.

Hennepin County is required by Minnesota Statutes §201.225 to certify to the Office of the Secretary of State that the electronic poll book system meets the requirements in the law, including security, reliability, and networking standards established by the Office of the Secretary of State in consultation with MN.IT. After acceptance testing and architecture review, the county has made that certification to the state. (The same section also grants the county the authority to designate precincts to use electronic poll books.) In addition to those standards, the system has also been approved by Hennepin County's Architecture Review Board and the system has undergone a threat assessment conducted by Hennepin County IT Security Operations, and the resulting risk mitigation plan has been implemented.

As you know, the successful deployment of these devices in Hennepin County supports a number of strategic elections goals, including reducing wait times at the polls by decreasing the amount of time election judges spend checking in each voter, increasing the accuracy of voter check-in data, and enabling Hennepin County to perform mail absentee ballot tasks that in the past the city would have had to perform. We welcome feedback from the city on ways to improve the electronic poll book system and will make every effort with our vendor to make sure this solution works well for St. Bonifacius.

Sincerely,

Ginny Gelms, Elections Manager
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