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Jim O. Burton, Chairman
Northshore Fire District Board of Directors
P.O. Box 1199
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Dear Chairman Burton,

Thank you for your letter dated November 15, 2019 raising topics and questions regarding the November 5th Northshore Fire Measure N Election. Our Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss your concerns during our December 17, 2019 meeting.

In your letter, you asked questions about the impacts of recent Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) imposed by PG&E, training and oversight of Election staff, certification of the November 5th Election, and general practices and ballot handling in the Elections Office.

In response, please be assured that there were no disruptions or delays impacting the election as a result of PSPS. The Elections office never lost power before, during, or after the election and all customary services have been continuously provided. The local Post Office was also functional for the purposes of ballot mailing and on Election day, the precincts were operational and not subject to PSPS.

The outgoing Registrar of Voters extended her time as a County employee for the purpose of certifying the election on December 2, 2019. The resulting, official Cumulative Results Report was provided to the district and can be found online at <http://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/Government/Directory/ROV/Archives/110519.htm>

Lake County Elections staff maintain active membership with their state association, known as the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, and they attend periodic training conferences in their field each year. The California Secretary of State, Elections Division, is the regulatory agency responsible for overseeing state and federal elections in California. As the local elections official, the Lake County Registrar of Voters oversees local elections.

To ensure double custody at all times, on the night of the Measure N election, precinct

ballots were picked up after the polls closed by two employees from the Elections Office. This was done because the majority of precinct poll workers were not available to transport the ballots to the Elections Office. The ballots were kept secure, throughout the canvassing period, until the election was certified.

Your letter also asked a number of very detailed questions and during our December 17, 2019 discussion, Interim Registrar of Voters Diane Fridley addressed them in depth. For review of Ms. Fridley's detailed responses, you can access the video to our meeting at http://lakecounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=355 (agenda item 6.3). In addition, for your records, we are providing you with a dvd of that discussion as an attachment to this letter.

Respectfully Submitted,

COUNTY OF LAKE

Mokey Simon
CHAIR, Board of Supervisors

Enclosure