Commissioners,

Please consider my public comment today in the meeting.

There is much to learn from the cost of the recall elections that were planned as 1303 elections but run with a created set of rules as something of a hybrid polling place election and additional voting opportunities. Many different cost estimates have been quoted in the press, but with little supporting detail. Given the cost savings that were promised in 1303, the comparisons of 1303 plans for these recalls versus the expenditures for a polling place election should be reviewed.

Please consider asking Clerk Ortiz and Clerk Williams to prepare a cost analysis for the recall election with the following cost details:

Each clerk to prepare a direct incremental cost analysis of the recall election and cost estimates for the initially planned all mail ballot recall election. The cost analysis to include and exclude as follows.

**Include with supporting detail:**

1. Cost of ballot printing (only one ballot version. Do not include duplicate printing for changed ballot.) Total cost and cost per ballot.

2. Cost of rental of polling locations. Cost per polling location and total cost.

3. Judge's payroll cost for staffing polling locations. Cost per location and total cost and cost per day that polling places were open.

4. Labor and postage cost of mailing ballots to absentee requestors. Exclude cost of UOCAVA ballot mailing. Include cost of labor for handling mail ballot applications in office.

5. Detail other cash cost expended in excess of planned 1303 voter service center costs.

**Exclude:**

1. Salaries of permanent staff and semi-permanent staff.

2. Overhead

3. Legal expenses.
4. Voting equipment maintenance.

Also please provide:

1. Original cost estimates for mail ballot recall, with supporting detail.

2. Number and cost of voter center operations as originally planned.

3. 2012 cost of returned ballots (undeliverable, delivered postage due, etc.)

4. Cost of teams hand deliveries of ballots to groups of these voters:
   --qualified group residential facilities.
   --additional (non-qualified) deliveries to independent living complexes, and group residential facilities with individual mail boxes.
   --hand deliveries of ballots to voters’ homes.

5. Cost of Everyone Counts system for UOCAVA ballot delivery.

6. Cost of Ballot on Demand printing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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