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Tuesday, October 13th, 2020

Mr. Tyskiewicz,

Allegheny discovered an error in the ballot printing and mailing which has impacted 28,879 voters in the County. The error occurred in the ballot image mapping of absentee and mail-in ballot files 3 and 4. We have researched other files and no other files have been affected. In the process, Midwest matches the ballot file with the recipient based on data that the county provides. In this case, an error was made and it mapped each ballot image up one recipient. The data provided by the county is correct. As an example, voter # 1 received voter #2's ballot. When the print file of ballots is created, we create a sequence number in a 2D matrix code that is printed on the stub of the ballot, and a corresponding 2D matrix code on the #10 BRE and the #11 outbound envelope to ensure that all three items match. Those items are matched on the inserting equipment with the use of OCR cameras. When there is a mismatch, those pieces are manually corrected. A verification file is created on the camera system that shows the machine matches as well as the manually updated records.

Moving forward, a printout of the first and last 10 records will be generated for every file showing which images are being used. That printout will be compared to the actual printed ballots before inserting to verify correct images have been pulled. We will have a second data processor review the files to create a two-person check. Our quality control manager will take a picture of the completed package, along with an image of the corresponding database of ballot images to ensure the match. That picture will be emailed to Allegheny County.

We will begin to address the 19,564 pending requests in the morning. We will start to mail on Wednesday, October 14th with the balance delivered to the USPS on California Avenue on Thursday, October 15th. Wednesday morning, Midwest will provide an envelope proof for both the #10 reply and #11 outer envelope with the words "Corrected Ballot" printed in an available color agreed upon by the county. After the completion of the 19,564 and upon approval, Midwest will finish addressing the reply and outer envelopes. Midwest will reprint the 28, 879 ballots Wednesday, October 14th. These ballots will be cut and folded on Wednesday, October 14th. We will begin mailing these on Thursday October 15th with completing them on or before Saturday, October 17th.

Regards,

Sean M. Gebbie
President
Midwest Direct



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