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\*Re: **EXPEDITED** Data Practices Act Request

Dear Sir/Madam:

This correspondence is a request for access to public data relating to the 2008 general election in your county under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act ("MGDPA"), Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13. As you know, Minnesota Statutes section 15.17, the Official Records Act, requires all government entities to make and maintain all records that are necessary to a full and accurate knowledge of their official activities. Section 13.03, subdivision 1, of the MGDPA requires government entities to keep records that contain government data in a way (or ways) that makes the data easily accessible for convenient use.

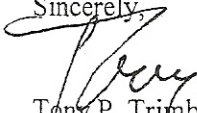
**Because this information relates to the election and upcoming statewide recount, we request that this information be provided immediately and on an expedited basis. Please let us know what you need to expedite this request.**

We hereby request the following information from your office immediately relative to the 2008 general election:

- Copies of election night machine tape results for all precincts within your county
- Copies of all election night summary statements/tally sheets (if any) for all hand-count precincts within your county (including tally sheets maintained by your offices)

Please make this information available to the undersigned for copying immediately. Please contact the undersigned immediately with any questions or if you will not be providing this information immediately (including the reason for such failure to provide the information). Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Tony P. Trimble  
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