

August 6, 2022, A statement from the El Paso County Coalition of Candidates (EPCCC) to provide current and accurate information:

While the EPCCC remains steadfast to their original mission and pursuits, Todd Watkins and Tina Peters have chosen to pursue their own strategies and are independent of the EPCCC.

The machine recount of the contested El Paso County (EPC) Primary races has been completed. Contrary to the narrative presented by EPC Clerk and Recorder Chuck Broerman (Clerk), Secretary of State Jena Griswold (SOS), and local media, the EPCCC remains committed to legally challenging the unlawful election and recount policies and procedures utilized during both the Primary election and equally flawed “recount” process. The EPCCC presses on.

The Logic and Accuracy Test (LAT), claimed as “successful” by the Clerk and SOS, was proven widely flawed. The LAT utilized an existing test deck of 4,216 machine-fabricated ballots, of which an unprecedented 2,266 ballots (53.7%) were identified for adjudication. The Clerk and SOS were surprised by and unprepared for this result. Additionally, a small batch of test ballots were hand-created and hand-counted and were then machine-counted to “verify” the accuracy of the machines. The counts did not match, thus further demonstrating the inaccuracy of the test.

Throughout the entirety of the machine recount process, from the LAT to conclusion of the machine recount, statutory processes and procedures were blatantly ignored. Despite statements by the Clerk and SOS, the final recount ballot counts do not match the final Primary election ballot counts.

Contrary to national media reports and interviews, all protests held at EPC Clerk and Recorder offices were 100% peaceful and included prayer, worship, singing, and sign displays. These actions were affirmed and supported as righteous and legal by EPC Sheriff’s Deputies assigned to watch and oversee the gathering of protesters daily. Additionally, the extreme and unverified reports that a Clerk in Colorado is now wearing body armor for personal protection is maliciously creating optics that deceptively imply that Clerk, SOS, and Dominion staff are threatened and require security escorts and protective measures. Such tactics are used solely to create fear, spread divisiveness, and build a narrative against those peaceably and legally seeking election integrity.

Regarding the denied injunction to extend the recount deadline, this denial was not unexpected although the judge’s wording and actions in doing so were not standard legal practice. The candidates’ legal counsel was denied opportunity to have any conference or hearing on the matter which is both irregular and outside of traditionally accepted practices. All legal and constitutional efforts continue to be pursued.

The EPCCC asks for your continued support and financial contributions to offset legal costs. Visit the Restore Liberty 501c3 (<https://restore-liberty.org/support/501c3-donation/>) and enter “EPC” in the notes section to make a contribution to the legal fund.