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**RE: Request for interview for the article, Ballot Harvesting**

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In August, 2019 or thereabouts a former member of the board of directors contacted me, alleging that an former officer of the board of directors of the Middlesex Beach home owners association had effectly [*sic*] over voted a number of mail in ballots that were in his/her custody. Then in October, 2020 or thereabouts, another former board member of the board articulated his belief that there were indeed vulnerabilities in the mail in ballot and in particular the chain of custody of the mail in ballots.

As I treat one-off allegations into wrong doing [*grammar*] with a degree of skepticism, the fact that two former board members have concerns relating to the manner in which the board is elected, I have decided to investigate the allegations and publish any material findings on the service, the MXB wire.

As you are (or were at one time) an officer of the board of directors of the Middlesex Beach Association and as you may have had custodianship of mail in ballots I would very much like to speak to you about these allegations.

I seek answers to the following questions.

1. In the case of a ballot marked as having an named officer to proctor the ballot by proxy on the event that a mail in ballot arrives at the property management firm in advance of a board election, does anyone at the property management company take a snapshot of the ballot prior to forwarding the ballot to the officer named?
2. In the event you were named to proctor a ballot by proxy did you ever tamper with the ballot, for example, did you over vote the ballot, adding your own candidate selections where the member failed to select the maximum number of candidates or did you change the candidate selections, deviating from the member's intended selections in any way?
3. Does the legalese on the ballot allow the board member named as proxy to change the ballot in any way?
4. Have you, yourself, sent a broadcast e-mail message to members of the home owners association in an unsolicited manner, directing these members on who to vote for in a board election?

5. Do you know of any other board member who sent a broadcast e-mail message to members of the home owners association in an unsolicited manner, directing these members on who to vote for in a board election?
6. Have you, yourself, verbally told members of the home owners association in an unsolicited manner who to vote for in a board election?
7. Do you know of any other board member who verbally told members of the home owners association in an unsolicited manner who to vote for in a board election?

Please let me know your time availability over the course of the next four weeks to speak to me on this subject.

I look forward to your response.

If, however, I fail to hear back from you by Saturday, March 11, 2023 I will presume you have no comment. I may report a no comment as a refusal to participate in the investigative research.

Yours very truly,

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