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To: Tucker, James T. (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: FW: DOJ Civil Rights Division contact Oklahoma

From: Neff, Katie (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 12:27 PM
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For the letter to Oklahoma

From: Paul Ziriax [(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 4:52 PM
To: Neff, Katie (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ Civil Rights Division contact

Ms. Neff,

Thank you again for contacting us. As I stated on the phone, we take election security and integrity very seriously in Oklahoma and want to be as helpful as possible in fulfilling your request.

You can gain immediate access to the *publicly available* voter list by completing the "Request to Download Voter List" form and we will set up an account for you. Here is the link: https://oklahoma.gov/elections/candidates/voter-list/request-to-download-voter-list.html.

However, as we discussed, the publicly available voter list does not include a driver license number or last 4 SSN because these items are *not* public records and are **required to be kept confidential** pursuant to 26 O.S. § 4-112(H).

As I stated during our phone call, our intention is to provide you the information requested, but we must ensure that we follow applicable state and federal laws in doing so. To that end we have contacted our legal counsel at the Office of the Attorney General to review applicable laws regarding the sharing of the "non-public" voter list containing the driver license numbers and last 4 SSNs.

If you are aware of a federal law that specifically authorizes or requires the sharing of personally identifying information contained in the voter registration records, please provide the citation so I can share it with our counsel at the Attorney General's office. It may also be helpful to the legal review if you can clarify the purpose of the request and can verify that the voter list is only for DOJ's use, not other organizations. There also may be questions regarding the security protocols that will be in place to protect our state's data, so if you can provide this information I will share it with our legal counsel, too.

Additionally, a new law enacted by the Oklahoma Legislature allows the Secretary of the State Election Board to compare Oklahoma's list of registered voters in this state with the database of any federal agency that maintains information regarding the citizenship of persons residing in this state, and provides a process to remove and make a

criminal referrals for individuals that are a definitive match. This law takes effect on November 1, and our office intends to utilize it.

We also discussed that county election board secretaries in Oklahoma have been referring the names of individuals on the voter rolls who were released from jury duty for being noncitizens. These referrals are made to the appropriate U.S. Attorney in our state. To date, we do not know whether there have been any investigations or prosecutions of these individuals. While the number of these referrals is rather small, we would appreciate any feedback about whether our efforts in Oklahoma in that regard have been fruitful.

Finally, as I mentioned during the phone call, we have been seeking assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security since last year regarding our efforts to cross-check the names of Oklahoma registered voters against the information systems and databases maintained and accessible by USCIS related to citizenship status. It is my understanding that the limitations on the current SAVE system will not assist in these efforts at this time, so we would appreciate any assistance your team might offer in allowing us to compare such data.

I will circle back to you when I have heard back from our legal counsel, but in the meantime I would encourage you to access the publicly available voter list described above. Thank you again for reaching out!

Paul Ziriax
Secretary
Oklahoma State Election Board

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From: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 2:17 PM
To: Paul Ziriax <(b)(6)>
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ Civil Rights Division contact

Secretary Ziriax,

Thank you for your call today. And thank you for agreeing to provide your computerized state-wide voter registration list. We do not need Oklahoma-specific voter identification numbers, but we do need the registrants' DL or last 4 of SSN if they provided them. Pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act, "Each State shall maintain for at least 2 years and shall make available for public inspection and, where available, photocopying at a reasonable cost, **all records** concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of official lists of eligible voters, except to the extent that such records relate to a declination to register to vote or to the identity of a voter registration agency through which any particular voter is registered." 52 U.S.C.A. § 20507 (emphasis added).

We appreciate your quick response and look forward to receiving your voter registration list soon.

Best,

Katie

From: Paul Ziriax <(b)(6)>
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I have time now, so I will try to call you in a few minutes at your number listed below. Thanks.

Paul Ziriax
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Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOJ Civil Rights Division contact

Good afternoon Secretary Ziriax,

I am Counsel at the Civil Rights Division working for AAG Harmeet Dhillon. I would like to speak with you about some voting information regarding Oklahoma. Would there be a time that you might be available to speak with me? I am available most days this week before the holiday. Of course, I can be available on the holiday or the weekend if that works for you.

I look forward to connecting at your earliest convenience on this issue.

Thank you in advance,

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