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May 18, 2017

Director of Administrative Services Kansas Secretary of State's Office Memorial Hall, 1st Floor 120 SW 10th Avenue Topeka, KS 66612-1594

Re: Public Records Request Regarding the May 11, 2017 Executive Order Establishing the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

## Dear Director:

This is a request for public records pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act, K.S.A. 45-215, *et seq*. The ACLU-KS defends and promotes the fundamental principles embodied in the Bill of Rights and the U.S. and Kansas Constitutions. In furtherance of that mission, the ACLU-KS regularly conducts research into government activities in Kansas. This request specifically seeks records that the Kansas Secretary of State and the Kansas Secretary of State's Office have regarding the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, which President Trump established by Executive Order on May 11, 2017.

Below are the specific requests. As used in these requests, "communications" means any communications between (i) any member of the Kansas Secretary of State's Office and (ii) any member of the federal Executive Branch, the presidential transition, the President's staff, the Vice President's staff, the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, and/or the staff of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

- 1. All documents, notes, and internal/external communications—including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts—concerning the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity described in the President's May 11, 2017 Executive Order, and Secretary of State Kris W. Kobach's membership on this Commission.
- 2. All documents, notes, and internal/external communications—including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts—concerning changes or potential changes to any rules, regulations, guidance, or guidelines contemplated in connection with the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

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- 3. All documents, notes, and internal/external communications—including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts—concerning allegations of improper voter registration, improper voting, fraudulent voter registration, and/or fraudulent voting, as those terms are defined in the President's May 11, 2017 Executive Order, in the November 2016 General Election.
- 4. Legal opinions, memoranda, findings, factual evidence, studies, audits or advisories concerning allegations of improper voter registration, improper voting, fraudulent voter registration, and/or fraudulent voting, as those terms are defined in the President's May 11, 2017 Executive Order, in the November 2016 General Election.
- 5. Proposed findings, recommendations, policies, and/or draft legislation for enhancing "election integrity" or promoting "confidence in the integrity of the voting processes" in connection with the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

In accordance with the Kansas Open Records Act, we look forward to receiving a response to this request within three business days. We ask that your Office waive all fees associated with responding to this request. If you will not waive the fees, we ask that you notify us before producing responsive documents if the cost of responding to these requests will exceed \$50.00. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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