

## Issue Guide on Authenticity of the Voter Rolls

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As an election official, communicating with voters, media, and other community stakeholders is important. This generic, nonpartisan document provides sample statements to help guide your discussions with key audiences on the authenticity of the voter rolls, election integrity, and security. We encourage you to customize the material below based on the particulars of your jurisdiction.

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### **SAMPLE HOLDING STATEMENT FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AUTHENTICITY OF VOTER ROLLS**

Voters in **[INSERT NAME OF JURISDICTION]**, can have confidence in the accuracy of our voter rolls. In line with federal, state, and local requirements, our team conducts a comprehensive verification process when a new voter registration application is received. Each application goes through multiple checks, including cross-referencing with official records, to confirm eligibility. Regular updates and audits are also conducted to keep the rolls accurate and current. These steps ensure that only eligible voters are included, supporting the integrity and authenticity of our election process. Non-citizens are not eligible to vote in **[INSERT APPLICABLE LOCALITY FOR YOUR JURISDICTION: local/state and federal elections.]**

### **SAMPLE HOLDING STATEMENT FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT TRUSTING THE VOTER ROLLS**

Our voter list maintenance process is designed with multiple layers of verification to ensure that only eligible voters are included. Our team actively follows rigorous protocols and *[insert details, for example: collaborates with federal and state partners to detect and address any unusual activity promptly, etc.]*. These measures protect the integrity and authenticity of our voter rolls, reinforcing a fair and accurate election process for all eligible voters. Non-citizens are not eligible to vote in **[INSERT APPLICABLE LOCALITY FOR YOUR JURISDICTION: local/state and federal elections.]**

### **SAMPLE HOLDING STATEMENT FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT DEFICIENT VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS**

When a voter registration application is deficient in any way, it undergoes additional review to ensure accuracy and eligibility. Our team follows strict verification protocols, *[insert details about your verification process, for example: reaching out to the applicant for more information, cross-referencing with official records, etc.]*.

If validation cannot be achieved, *[insert details about your verification process, for example: the application is set aside until all requirements are met, ensuring that only eligible voters are added to the rolls]*. This process helps maintain the integrity of our voter registration system.

### **SAMPLE HOLDING STATEMENT FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT FRAUDULENT REGISTRATION FORMS**

US elections are secure and accurate precisely because multiple pre-election and post-election safeguards exist. These verification methods are applied to every voter and every ballot every time.

Occasionally, there may be instances of nefarious attempts to interfere in the sanctity of the elections process. Thankfully, those are rare and, due to the tireless work of election administrators, rarely succeed.

Those who try to violate the law and attempt to corrupt the integrity of our elections will be referred to local or federal law enforcement authorities to be held accountable.

We are grateful for the public's trust in our election system and vow to keep the administration of America's elections the gold standard of the world.

### **OPERATIONAL BEST PRACTICES TO CONSIDER**

For those that offer voting by mail (i.e. absentee or mail ballot voting) - It is important to pay attention to reviewing incoming returned envelopes for suspicious postage or markings and then ensuring people are being diligent about the established signature review or other additional security processes. See PLEJ issue guide on [handling suspicious mail](#).