

## **CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)**

Election Monitoring Workgroup Talking Points  
November 1, 2023 | 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:** Mathew Patrick Thomas, Christopher Hays and Hanna Floss

**Absent:**

**CEOC Staff:** Jonathan Fowler and Tania Mondaca

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 11 am.

#### **2. Chair's Report**

Chair Thomas thanked workgroup members for their work on drafting the Election Monitoring Workgroup update. The workgroup submitted the draft to Chair Eliseo Juarez on time.

#### **3. October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Member Hays moved the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes. It was seconded by Member Floss. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **4. November Election Observation Opportunities**

Chair Thomas checked in with workgroup members if they planned on doing any additional election observation activities for the November General Election. Member Floss said that she might be attending additional observation opportunities and would let Chair Thomas know if she does so.

#### **5. CEOC as a Notified Partner with King County Elections**

At the last CEOC meeting, Chair Thomas made a motion so that the end of year report could include our recommendation of King County Council considering code to make CEOC a notified partner with King County Elections. The topic was tabled for the November CEOC meeting. Chair Thomas followed-up with workgroup members to discuss next steps. Chair Thomas directed staff to request time on the November CEOC agenda to further discuss and potentially vote on their proposed motion.

#### **6. 2024 Workplan Discussion for the Election Monitoring Workplan**

Chair Thomas encouraged workgroup members to share what workgroup activities they are interested in pursuing in 2024. Workgroup members decided to have monthly meetings except for August and December. Staff were directed to send out a Doodle poll to determine 2024 workgroup meeting dates. Workgroup members would like to work on the following topics:

- Potentially work with King County Council on a motion to codify CEOC being a notified body with King County Elections.
- Create a sign up and tracking system for CEOC members to volunteer observing a 2024 election.

- Propose a change in bylaws to require that all CEOC members participate in at least one election observation opportunity a year.
- Ensure all CEOC members receive their election observation training in 2024.
- Continue observing elections.
- Request to do a ride along with King County Elections staff who pick up ballots in drop boxes.

Staff will work with Chair Thomas on drafting a 2024 workplan to further discuss and potentially vote on at the January workgroup meeting.

**7. Staff Updates**

There were no staff updates.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.