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Commissioner Agreement on Counting Write-Ins

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- 1.) Fictional names will be counted as invalid write ins.
- 2.) Races where there is not a residency requirement on the ballot all full names will be published. Names that are just last names or initials will be counted as invalid.
- 3.) In races where there is a residency requirement, the staff will look up each individual name to determine if there is a voter that lives in the district. Names that have nicknames or shortened names (ex. Liz for Elizabeth) will be counted if there is a reasonable belief that a voter with that name in the political subdivision exists. Otherwise, the name will go to invalid. Names that are just last names or initials will be counted as invalid.

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Dustin M. Czarny
Democratic Commissioner of Elections

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Kevin P. Ryan
Republican Commissioner of Elections