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## Urgent, Possible Ballot Tampering

Once again, we have problems with our elections, pole location changes, false accusations in political mailers, and now it is being said there is tampering with the ballots. Carson Citizens for Reform ask that you stand with them asking for clean hands to conduct a fair and transparent process in the remainder of the ballot count from our June 2nd election.

City Hall  
Monday, June 14, 2015 at 8:00 am

See attached [Press Release](#) and Special Council Meeting [Staff Report](#).



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 Date: June 14, 2015

**CARSON VOTERS CLAIM CITY CLERK MAY HAVE TAMPERED WITH ELECTION**  
 Recent actions call into question the possibility that Jim Dear has illegally or unethically tampered with the June 2, 2015 Election

The voters of Carson have been suspicious for some time of the actions by newly elected City Clerk Jim Dear. They will be gathering at City Hall on Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. demanding he not proceed any further in opening and counting the remaining ballots. They demand "clean hands" take charge of the ballots going forward.

The questionable actions include the following:


- Jim Dear who as the Election Official should remain neutral on elections he is conducting. He actively endorsed one of the candidates on the June 2, 2015 ballot during the L A County Democratic endorsement proceedings.
- Jim Dear has disenfranchised thousands of registered voters in the Northern part of the City by changing their polling locations with little or no notification and with no effort to find another polling location closer to the voters. In one precinct the voters were supposed to cast their ballots at CSUDH which turned out to suppress the voter turnout because of the distance and difficulty in navigating the University grounds.
- Jim Dear has been attending a conference all last week with total disregard for his duties as the Carson Election Officer. He was taking City Clerk certification 401 classes in Riverside that could have been taken at a different time resulting in delays in finalizing this election.
- Most importantly, Jim Dear entered City Hall on Saturday to open the City's vault containing the live ballots that have yet to be counted and then changed the combination of the lock so that not even his Deputy Clerk can access the vault.

The voters of Carson want Jim Dear to cease and desist on any further handling the June 2, 2015 election and call for the Mayor and City Council members to appoint a qualified Elections Official to complete the count, canvassing and certification of this election in a timely manner.

*Carson Citizens For Reform* has been a voice in the Carson community for over 10 years advocating open and transparent government and holding elected officials accountable.  
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Press Release

CITY OF CARSON 701 East Carson Street



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**Report to Mayor and City Council**  
 Friday, June 12, 2015  
 Discussion

**SUBJECT:**  
**CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO 15-076 DESIGNATING AN ELECTIONS OFFICIAL TO FINALIZE THE JUNE 2, 2015 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND APPROVE A CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE SAME**

**I. SUMMARY**

As it relates to the processing of the June 2, 2015 special municipal election results, the Council has requested that the election results be expeditiously processed and certified by or on the June 16, 2015 Council meeting. The City Council firmly believes given the size of this election, the election should easily be certified by that time. This is important because, the deadline to appoint a new council person to the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mayor Robles to the Mayor's seat is June 20, 2015. Hence, the City Council desires to have the election certified during the June 16, 2015 council meeting so the new Council can attempt to make an appointment and move the City's business forward and to avoid another special election which could cost the tax payers about \$250,000.

Making an appointment to the Mayor's vacant seat after the election results are certified, allows for the new elected council person to also participate in the appointment of his new colleague which is better policy than if the appointment was made with only the current 3 council members.

The City Clerk is responsible for the election process with the obligation to promptly and expeditiously count and canvass the ballots for the election. The City Clerk has been absent from the City attending a conference during the week of June 8, 2015, when it is legally required that the ballots from the June 2, 2015 election be counted and canvassed every day at least 6 hours a day.

The March 3, 2105, a state-wide election with four open seats; two Council seats, the City Clerk, City Treasurer and Measure C was certified in approximately three weeks. The June 2, 2015, election only had one open Council seat and a much lower voter turnout and should certainly be processed and certified in a shorter timeframe than that of the March 3, 2015 election.

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