

July 17, 2014

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Re: State Controller Recount – Kern County

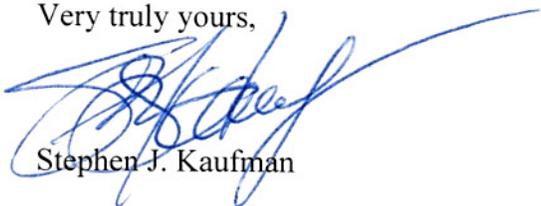
Dear Ms. Rhea:

I am writing in furtherance of the recount request dated July 6, 2014, submitted by John A. Perez.

In order to expedite the recounting of ballots in Kern County, we are hereby requesting that Kern County undertake a machine recount of all ballots remaining to be counted as of the conclusion of the day tomorrow, July 18, 2014. This would include a machine recount of all remaining vote by mail and precinct ballots, and a recount of all remaining touchscreen ballots using the electronic voting system that was used originally to count these ballots during the vote canvass. We previously submitted a written request on July 15, 2014, to recount the touchscreen ballots electronically; however, to date, we have not received a response to that request.

Please contact me to discuss this request and the process for the recount moving forward.

Very truly yours,



Stephen J. Kaufman

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cc: Devin Brown, Deputy County Counsel (via Email)
Richard Rios, Esq. (via Email)
Jana Lean, Chief, Secretary of State Elections Division (via Email)