San Francisco Elections Commission January 12, 2022 **Elections Commission** *City & County of San Francisco* Lucy Bernholz, President Charles Jung, Vice President Christopher Jerdonek Becca Chappell Viva Mogi



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January 12, 2022

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am writing in my role as President of the San Francisco Elections Commission ("Elections Commission") in response to a story published in the San Francisco Examiner on November 14, 2021, in which you are quoted. The full story can be found here: <u>https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/how-one-company-came-to-control-san-franciscos-elections/</u>

You are quoted in the story as saying: "The Elections Commission doesn't know anything about California elections" Bennett and "most people in San Francisco don't care about voting." These statements impugn both the people of San Francisco and the credibility of the Commission.

On behalf of the Commission and the people of San Francisco, I invite you to submit a response regarding these remarks, including any explanation, clarification, or retraction to <u>lucy.bernholz@sfgov.org</u>.. Your response is of great interest to the Commission and the members of the San Francisco public who've brought these items before the Commission at several of our last meetings. Our next meeting is on January 19, 2022, and I will be reporting on this inquiry at that time.

Sincerely,

Lucy Bernholz President, San Francisco Elections Commission

cc: Members of the San Francisco Elections Commission San Francisco Director of Elections John Arntz Deputy City Attorneys Andrew Shen and Ana Flores