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Do you know what your Secretary of State is up to? Obfuscation verging on prevarication sparks public’s growing discombobulation about Colorado’s electoral accreditation.

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (August 19, 2021) – In what was supposed to be a below-the-radar sleight of hand to secure Potemkin approval of alterations to Colorado’s voting regulations – regulations borne of flu-panic exceptions that undermined the legitimacy of Colorado’s “gold-standard” electoral processes – Secretary of State Jena Griswold instead blundered into mounting public concern about her ongoing regulatory maneuvering.

Voter and taxpayer inquiries about Griswold’s maneuvering aren’t just focused on her attempts to avoid discussion of an Arizona-style forensic vote audit for Colorado. The Secretary of State faces growing public efforts by local and county governments to initiate mechanisms to validate voting figures, and to make such audits a matter of course.

“Local interest is building in districts where a forensic audit shouldn’t be controversial, like in Colorado Springs. If Colorado’s voting system is the ‘gold standard’, we can prove it with forensic audits at the county and municipal level,” explained Vickie Tonkins, El Paso GOP Chairman. “We all need to get involved with our friends and neighbors and take a stand for election-integrity!”

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As reported, Griswold had scheduled a procedural meeting for August 3. This was part of a process to render permanent, temporary changes made to voting regulations prior to the 2020 election. It would have quietly chiseled these altered practices in stone, and prolonged emergency voter permissions that were only meant for limited flu-panic circumstances. However, the revisions Griswold had hoped to preserve were not harmless and included acts like the ending of signature verification. *It's important to note that, among other supposedly unintentional consequences, these changes reportedly resulted in more than 20 Colorado counties seeing 2020 voter turnout more than 100%.*

The meeting was well attended, but of the dozens of speakers, not one was in favor of Griswold's proposals. Incidentally, Colorado voters' demand for answers from state officials had become powerful enough that the Secretary herself declined to attend her own meeting.

"I encourage every voter who wants to know if their vote counted to contact local election authorities, be they County Clerks, City Managers or the like," continued Tonkins. "Ask for a forensic audit in your county. Get involved with groups like the Election Integrity Project and the El Paso County GOP. It's time to take our state back – America First means Colorado First too."

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