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Karen L. Wheeler  
Deputy Secretary of State  
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By Email

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Again thank you for your prompt response to our letter of September 22. We also wrote you on July 27, 2020, about actions the legislature could take that could improve voter access and elections. We would like to hear if you could and would support any of those measures we suggested—they were all resolutions approved at our state convention.

I will copy your format:

**1. Pursuant to W.S. § 22-26-113, petition gathering within 100 yards is clearly electioneering. The Secretary of State's office was not made aware of any other counties having this issue.**

The appropriate clerk has been informed of the issue and will deal with it.

**2. However, it is not permissible for a League Women Voter voters' guide to be left on a table in the polling place or handed out at the polls or within 100 yards of the polling place. The law does not contemplate electronic guides and [they're] likely permissible as well. We did not receive a formal complaint, however, our answer over the phone was on the basis of the same answer as provided here.**

We regret this interpretation, believing our guides to be nonpartisan. However any advertising in them would not be. Thank you for this clarification about the complaint. We will follow up with the county clerk in the county concerned.

**3. Voter registration drives that "collect" batches of voter registration applications are only permitted if the county clerk is present. Voter registration drives that are conducted like this without the county clerk is in violation of Chapter 16 of the Election Procedure rules which have the same force and effect as law. Third party groups may conduct a "pseudo" voter registration drive, if you wish, that provides registered notary available to notarize the voter registration applications. . . .**

As the letter of July 27 pointed out, the LWVWY approved a resolution encouraging online voter registration. The National Council of State Governments reports that voter registration costs declined in Arizona from \$ .83 for a paper registration to \$ .03 for an online one. We hope you would support legislation to allow such a cost savings in Wyoming.

We agree totally with the need for carefully filled out voter registration forms, correct identification, and a notary's signature. Could clerks train lay people to register voters in outlying areas, nongovernmental buildings, or outside normal working hours? We think allowing third party

registration drives would increase our registration numbers and our voter participation. I was a registry agent Nov. 3 and doing so increased my admiration for those in clerks' offices who register voters regularly.

**4. The Directives are public should anyone request it.**

We hereby request copies of all directives, current and lapsed, for the past five years. Also emails dealing with election issues with the force of directives. We believe these documents should be easily available to the public. Not knowing they exist makes requesting copies difficult.

**We made the decision not to put them on our website since the counties which were tasked with following the directive had some leeway within their county to determine how to best apply the directive.**

We are aware each county is unique and needs to address its own issues. We trust our fellow citizens understand this as well. These documents should be available to the public.

I think you see a theme in this letter. The public can be irritating, demanding, and persistent. However, we need and deserve information about our government to make the best possible choices in a respectful, lawful environment.

Sincerely,

/s/

Susan M. Simpson

LWVWY President

P.S. I attach two flyers that we sent to college students and the county clerks to provide additional information to voters.

C: The Honorable Edward A. Buchanan

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