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Subject: REMINDER: Wednesday's hearing on our 4 election complaints

I hope that you can attend this week's election problem hearing - Wednesday October 8th at Secretary of State's office. 1:30 pm pre-hearing, and 2:30 pm hearing. **I don't know if the pre-hearing will be webcast.**

Deputy Staiert characterizes the pre-hearing as, "I set this as a pre-hearing so we can determine steps that need to be taken before the hearing. It won't be in the format of a formal hearing. I would like to go through each of the points in your complaint with staff at the table to see if there is additional work or resolution."

We have submitted four complaints:

- August 12 -- Canvass Board Non-Compliance and Insufficiency
- September 11 -- Voter Suppression
- September 15 -- Purity of Elections
- September 23 -- Rule 13 Violation and Insufficiency.

As I see it, the first hour can be the most important.

- CDOS and attendees will discuss each other's expectations for the complaint handling process.
- I expect to reach agreement on **how to publically address** the four complaints. (not the solution to the problems, but **the process for addressing the four complaints**) as follows:
 - Step 1, publish each raw complaint.
 - Step 2, agree on a formal problem definition for each problem.
Definition -- PROBLEM: A deviation between what is and what is required performance for which a correction is desired.
 - Step 3, publish the formal problem definition or a report providing the specific rationale for dismissing the complaint.

I will argue that the traditional hearing format does not work for election complaints. What is needed is a full duplex dialog. Whoever moderates the meeting must simply keep the discussion on track, and must not act as an advocate. If successful, the 2:30 pm hearing will be dedicated to creating agreed to problem definitions. Separately, Rule 13 needs to be strengthened.

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