



RISK LIMITING AUDIT BROCHURE

As we approach the upcoming meeting, I wanted to take a moment to introduce the idea of asking the State Board of Elections for permission to conduct a Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) following the March Presidential Primary. I believe this approach will enhance the integrity and confidence in our electoral process.

In straightforward terms, a Risk Limiting Audit is like double-checking our work to make sure the election results are accurate and trustworthy. It's similar to how we might review our personal bank statements to ensure that the numbers add up correctly.

HERE'S A SIMPLE BREAKDOWN OF THE KEY POINTS:

- **VERIFICATION PROCESS:**
 - JUST AS WE REVIEW OUR BANK STATEMENTS TO VERIFY TRANSACTIONS, A RISK LIMITING AUDIT IS A SYSTEMATIC PROCESS TO VERIFY THAT THE ELECTION RESULTS ACCURATELY REFLECT THE VOTES CAST.
- **RANDOM SAMPLING:**
 - INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH EVERY SINGLE TRANSACTION OR VOTE, WE USE A SMART SAMPLING METHOD TO CHECK A REPRESENTATIVE SUBSET. THINK OF IT AS CHECKING A FEW KEY PURCHASES ON A BANK STATEMENT TO ENSURE THE ENTIRE STATEMENT IS ACCURATE.
- **RISK CONTROL:**
 - THE TERM "RISK LIMITING" MEANS THAT WE SET A LIMIT ON THE RISK OF CERTIFYING INCORRECT RESULTS. IT'S LIKE SAYING, "WE'RE WILLING TO ACCEPT ONLY A SMALL CHANCE OF MAKING A MISTAKE, AND WE'LL ADJUST OUR AUDIT IF NEEDED."
- **TRANSPARENCY AND CONFIDENCE:**
 - BY CONDUCTING A RISK LIMITING AUDIT, WE DEMONSTRATE TRANSPARENCY IN OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS. THIS NOT ONLY BOOSTS PUBLIC CONFIDENCE BUT ALSO ENSURES THAT THE RESULTS ARE TRUSTWORTHY.

In essence, it's an extra step we take to be absolutely certain that our election results are accurate. It's a bit like having a second pair of eyes to confirm that everything adds up correctly. I'm confident that this approach will contribute to the continued success and credibility of our electoral system.

