

5. At the Serb Hall location, I was told that despite the fact that it is a facility designed to serve up to 2,000 patrons at one time, only two observers were allowed access.

6. Similarly, at both the Good Hope Library and Capitol Drive Voting Center polling locations, I was informed that space for observers was arbitrarily limited to a total of two and four, respectively, despite the fact that the actual facility can accommodate far more observers.

7. I raised a concern with the Milwaukee Elections Commission about the limiting of the number of observers through email to its executive director Paulina Gutierrez. IN an email dated November 2, 2024 I asked Ms. Gutierrez “[w]hat polling locations in Milwaukee have you instructed Chief Inspectors, and/or do you expect Chief Inspectors, to limit observers to one from each political party?”

8. Ms. Gutierrez responded to that inquiry by email the same day stating “I am not able to provide a specific list of locations where we might need to limit observers to one person per party; however, it may occur anywhere the space, access, number of voters, and other prevailing circumstances would require it as a reasonable limitation.”

9. Ms. Gutierrez had previously provided the following information regarding “guidance” issued to chief inspectors in the City by an email dated November 1, 2024—

Hi – Below is the training guidance we provide to Chief Inspectors regarding observers and space. As I’m sure you are aware – every polling site is different – and how we plan for observers is dependent on the size of the space, along with other factors which should always be in compliance with the law

Chief Inspectors are instructed to establish observer areas within 3-8 feet of each receiving table and registration table. While most of our polling places are large enough to accommodate a few observers, there are a few that have very small voting rooms. These Chief Inspectors will limit the number of observers to two at a time, one from each political party.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2024

Electronically signed by Michael Hoffman

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