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LETTER RECEIVED BY CLAY COUNTY VOTERS WAS NOT SENT BY THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Yesterday afternoon, the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office started receiving a large number of calls from concerned voters. The calls were driven by a letter, which included voter registration application(s), from a person who has no association with the Election Office. The letter advises that the voter is not a registered Republican and should change his/her party affiliation. It also states, "For more information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections office at (904) 269-6350." The callers express concerns about voting in the Primary Election; some are confused or even upset by the information conveyed in the letter.

The Clay County Supervisor of Elections is a nonpartisan office and will/would never suggest a voter change his/her party affiliation. Clay County voters can visit www.ClayElections.com to view their voter registration information and a sample ballot. For more information, visit our website www.ClayElections.com or call (904)269-6350.

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Dear Clay County Voters ,

You are receiving this letter because records with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections indicate that you are not a registered Republican and, as such, **you are no longer eligible to vote in multiple races in the August 30th primary election.** We are sending this letter to you with hopes that you will take action to protect your right to vote.

As you may have seen in the news lately, a number of write-in candidates have entered several political races to close down the election so only Republican voters can vote. These write-in candidates, who are likely working to support specific candidates, have effectively taken away your right to vote in the following races:

- Clay County Superintendent of Schools
- State Attorney
- Public Defender

In the 2012 election, this successfully stopped more than 60,000 voters from voting in the primary election for Superintendent of Schools. Again in 2014, this same tactic was used to disenfranchise voters in the Clay County Commission race. Now, this pattern is repeating itself once again.

This loophole in State law is currently being litigated in the courts. Unfortunately, officials do not expect any change in time for this year's elections. **We urge you to take action now by using the enclosed Voter Registration form to change your political party to Republican by July 29, 2016 to protect your right to vote in all races.** Changing your party is free, only takes a minute, and will not affect your ability to vote in other races or in the November 8th General Election.

Please take a moment of your time to stop this unethical practice of suppressing your right to vote. For more information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections office at (904) 269-6350.

Sincerely,

Tina Bullock

P.S. I have included two forms for your convenience. For additional forms please visit www.ClayElections.com . All completed forms must be returned directly to the Clay County Supervisor of Elections office to be processed.