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January 22, 2009

Attn: Pauline Sumption
Jim Preston
City Finance Officer
City of Rapid City
300 6th St
Rapid City SD 57701

RE: Elections in 2009

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is the Combined Election Agreement with the election date of June 2, 2009. Please sign and return to our office.

You will need to publish your notices of vacancies and time and place for filing petitions. Based on the 6-2-09 election date, I believe those dates are 2-15-09 to 3-1-09. After the petition deadline, which I believe is March 31, 2009 at 5:00 pm, please confirm with me the races occurring for the City of Rapid City. At that time, the County will publish the following required notices: Notice of Voter Registration Deadline; Notice of Combined Election; Notice of Testing of Automated Voting Equipment; Publication of Sample Ballot. We will request you complete a certificate of ballot to specify the names, spelling, terms and language to be placed on the ballot.

If you have any questions, please call me at (605) 721-5532. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori".

Lori Severson, CERA
Election Supervisor

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COMBINED ELECTION AGREEMENT
City of Rapid City and Pennington County

This agreement is entered into between City of Rapid City, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and Pennington County, hereinafter referred to as the "County", both governmental subdivisions of the State of South Dakota, for the purpose of conducting a combined election as provided under the provisions of SDCL 13-7-10.3 and 12-2-5.

The City of Rapid City approved combining their City election with other municipal and/or school elections to be conducted by Pennington County at its regular meeting on ____ / ____ / _____. Both entities are in agreement to hold a combined election with the Pennington County Auditor's Office conducting said election in those precincts for the areas of the City of Rapid City located in Pennington County. The City authorizes the staff of the County Auditor's Office to handle and tabulate the City ballots in those precincts and to forward the returns to the City Finance Officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This agreement shall become effective on the date that all parties have signed the agreement.

PURPOSE: It is the purpose of this agreement for the parties to conduct their individually required elections in one combined election. The combined election will be held on *June 2, 2009*.

COST SHARING: The parties to this agreement shall share the costs of the combined election as set forth herein or a minimum of \$100, which ever is more:

The City shall initiate, publish and pay for its own required notices of vacancies and time and place for filing petitions. SDCL 9-13-6 or 9-13-40 & 5:02:04:06; 13-7-5 & 5:02:04:14 and/or 13-7-10.2.

The County shall initiate and publish the following required notices: Notice of Voter Registration Deadline; Notice of Combined Election; Notice of Testing of Automated Voting Equipment; Publication of Sample Ballot. This cost is shared among all combined entities.

The County shall layout the ballot from the information provided by the City. The City shall provide a Certificate of Ballot certifying races and language to be placed on the ballot.

The City agrees to reimburse the County on a cost-share basis for the costs of ballot stock, printing, programming, absentee costs, rent, publications, postage, precinct boards, supplies and temporary/full time staff.

ABSENTEE/EARLY BALLOTS: Absentee/Early Ballots shall be available at the Office of the County Auditor for voters in the precincts in Pennington County who wish to vote absentee or early. Absentee costs including postage and forms will be assessed on a cost per absentee voter per district basis.

RUN-OFF ELECTION AND/OR RECOUNT: All costs for a run-off election will be borne fully by the entity requiring a run-off and will include Auditor's and staff wages. All costs for a recount will be borne fully by the entity requiring a recount and will include Auditor's and staff wages.

RECORDS RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION: Pennington County shall maintain official election records as required for non-federal elections for 60 days.

CANVASSING OF THE VOTE: The County shall forward copies of the precinct-by-precinct Unofficial Returns the day after the Election by **fax (605) 394-2232**. Each entity shall perform its own official canvass. Provisional ballots are not evaluated, finalized or counted until the day the Provisional Ballot Counting Board meets which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2009.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2009 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

(SEAL)

Julie A. Pearson, Auditor
Pennington County

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2009 in _____, South Dakota.

(SEAL)

Jim Preston
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