

Cook, Scott

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Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 9:24 AM
To: Cook, Scott
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Response Correspondence to MCA 13-37-132

Dear Mr. Scott-MT Office of Political Practices
Re: Hogan vs Hodges COPP-2024-CFP-045

On approximately Wednesday, January 18, 2024, I contacted Big Horn County Election Commissioner Dulcie Bear Don't Walk on clarification & assistance on which House District to file for legislative candidacy in Big Horn County.

Election Administrator Bear Don't Walk indicated House District 42 was my District due to my residency location in the County. I utilized Ms. Bear Don't Walk because of her expertise/position in filling. Also in January I could not locate a County map for alignment of House Districts in the County & state. I was also under the opinion that recent County re-alignment had transpired and consequently my rationale to seek out Ms. Bear Don't Walk for assistance.

Upon discovery of my error, I did contact staff at the office of Secretary of State. Secretary of State staff conveyed since ballots had been certified to leave the filing intact without amendment.

Thank you for your attention to this response, and please contact me if you need additional information.

Cordially,

Bill Hodges

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