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Subject: RE: Request - Cost & Estimated Delivery Date For Independent Forensic Voting Audit of the 27 July 2021 Mayor's Election.  
To: Lou Vitale <lvitale@vitatech.net>  
Cc: Virginia Smith <vsmith@palmcoastgov.com>

Mr. Vitale,

I haven't spoken with Mr. Melendez, and I certainly can't explain what someone might know. He "believes the verdict is in" to me, is a prediction and not a statement of fact. Perhaps the campaign used the turnout data in the last Mayoral election to focus on reaching voters with a request to vote by mail. I cannot speak for the Alfin campaign. I don't run campaigns, I administer elections.

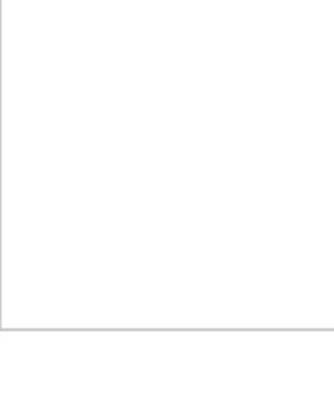
As for your request, I have explained to you the audit process in Florida with references in law. I have no intention of conducting an "Independent Forensic Voting Audit" because such an activity is not authorized by Statute. Any associated costs and an estimated timeframe you have requested are impossible to produce, because a forensic voting audit process does not exist.

If you'd like, I'd be happy to meet with you and any of the concerned residents you've mentioned. You're welcomed to attend our manual audit and see the process. The Palm Coast Canvassing Board has been very open to visitors and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions about our mail ballot voting procedures. If August 4 is not available for you to attend, we can coordinate another time.

Sincerely,

**Kaiti Lenhart, MFCEP**

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*For what avail the plough or sail, or land or life, if freedom fail?*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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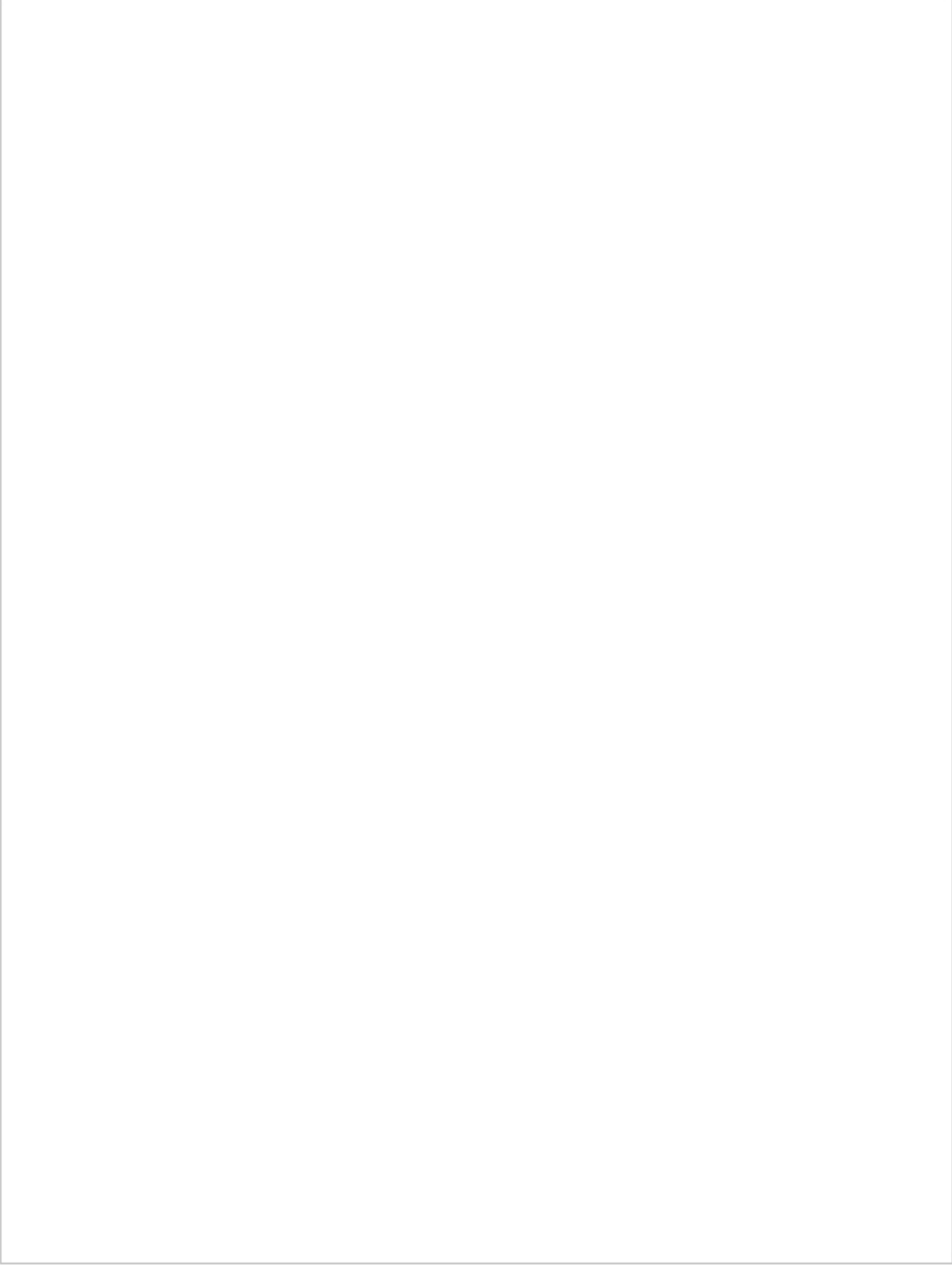
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**From:** Lou Vitale <lvitale@vitatech.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021 11:35 AM  
**To:** klenhart@flaglerelections.com  
**Cc:** 'Virginia Smith' <vsmith@palmcoastgov.com>  
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Hello Ms. Lenhar;

I am most concerned about the process and integrity of the mail-in-ballot component of this election and the previous. Furthermore, the incessant vicious attack TV commercials, mailers and text messages from the PACs solely against Alan Lowe and no other candidates for Mayor in both elections is a concern to many Palm Coast residents including myself. And finally there is a rather incriminating boast from Fernando Melendez (see below) who is David Alfin's Campaign Manager two (2) days before the election, "I believe the verdict is in by now and we have a winner by mail in ballots. Two more days."

How did he know?



This is why ProtectPalmCoast.com and many other Palm Coast residents request an independent Forensic Voting Audit of the 27 July 2021 Mayor's Election.

Therefore, please provide a cost with estimated delivery date for an independent Forensic Voting Audit including a thorough review of the mail-in-balloting process.

Best regards,

Louis S. Vitale, Jr.  
Community Organizer  
703-906-3773

By the way I am also the COO and Founder of Vitatech Electromagnetics, LLC which has an international engineering reputation in electromagnetics and EMI/RFI/RF/HEMP shielding.

Good morning,

Thirty-eight states require some type of post-election audit, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures (reference: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/post-election-audits635926066.aspx>). The audits are meant to provide a check that the voting equipment and processes used to tally votes during the election worked properly.

In Florida, the Canvassing Boards for each countywide or municipal election are responsible for audits after they certify their election results. We audit every election in Flagler County. One race and one precinct are selected randomly by the Canvassing Board, and the paper ballots for the selected precinct and race are counted by hand. The purpose of the audit is to ensure the ballots match the tabulation totals. The precinct-level results are not released until after the Manual Audit has been completed, so the counting team does not know the precinct results. The tabulation totals are compared to the hand-counted totals for each candidate and each race for every vote type and ballot style. Section 101.591, Florida Statutes (2013), and Rule 1S-5.026, Fla. Admin. Code, govern the post-election audit process. An automated (software-based) independent audit can be used in Florida, but it must be approved by the Department of State, Division of Elections. Flagler County does not use an automated system for auditing elections, we count the ballots by hand.

This audit will be held on August 4, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Elections Office in Bunnell. The meeting is open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

More information...  
Section 101.591, Florida Statutes: [http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=101.591&URL=0100-0199/0101/Sections/0101.591.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=101.591&URL=0100-0199/0101/Sections/0101.591.html)  
Here's more information about our election security procedures in Flagler County: <https://www.flaglerelections.com/election-security>

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To: Virginia Smith <vsmith@palmcoastgov.com>  
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Dear Ms. Smith - City Clerk - City of Palm Coast;

The Team at ProtectPalmCoast.com officially requests the cost with estimated delivery date for an independent Forensic Voting Audit of the Mayor's Election on 27 July 2021.

This is very serious request, so we sincerely appreciate your time and effort responding to our inquiry.

Please immediately email a response if our Forensic Voting Audit cost with delivery date request is denied for any reason.

Sincerely,

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