



MARYLAND 20-20 WATCH

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The Honorable Larry Hogan
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Governor Hogan,

Maryland 20-20 Watch has done extensive work looking into what happened in the 2016 Baltimore City Primary Election.

We call on you to address the culpability of both Election Director Armistead Jones and the Maryland State Board of Elections for recertifying a known corrupted election. **COMAR 33.08.05.05 C.(2) If the verification results and the Election Management System results do not agree: (b) The local board of canvassers may not certify the election until the cause of the discrepancy is discovered, resolved, and the State Administrator has approved the resolution.**

We have identified several areas where the laws and associated regulations were at best ignored, and at worst blatantly violated. At a minimum the following portions of the Maryland Code were violated, evidenced in State Board of Elections documents themselves:

COMAR 33.16.05.02 Start of Canvass;
COMAR 33.16.03.03 Election Day — Responsibilities of Election Judges;
COMAR 33.09.02.05 Registering and Recording Votes;
COMAR 33.08.05.05 Post-Election Verification;
COMAR 33.08.05.06 Post-Election Audit — Precincts;
COMAR 33.08.05.07 Post-Election Audit — Absentee and Provisional Voting;
COMAR 33.16.04.01 Securing Ballots; and
COMAR 33.16.04.05 Opening and Ballot Tabulation.

To maintain the legitimacy of our government it is imperative that our election laws and associated regulations are enforced and that those who violate them, either through neglect or willfulness, are held to account.

No actions to correct or prevent future violations have been undertaken. **No one** has been held accountable for the violations which occurred.

Governor Hogan, that duty according to Maryland Election law Article § 2-101, **is yours.**

By willfully ignoring violations of the law you are doing more damage than any progressive actions you could take.

While it is important what a governor does it is **more** important what a governor **fails** to do.

By failing to hold accountable those who conducted an election with such blatant corruption you allow the continued undermining of the electoral process. **That** is an abuse of power beyond excuse.

Maryland 20-20 Watch calls on you, Governor Hogan, to remove those responsible for the corrupted election process in Baltimore City and hold accountable all who participated in that corruption.

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