



STATE OF TEXAS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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RAFAEL ANCHIA
MEMBER

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The Hon. Chuck Hopson
Chair, General Investigating and Ethics Committee
P.O. Box 2910
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Dear Chairman Hopson:

I am writing to request an investigation by the General Investigating and Ethics Committee into dubious allegations of voter fraud in Hidalgo County during the May and November elections of 2008. As you will recall, during the interim I served as Chair of a Subcommittee of the Committee on Elections charged with investigating different types of purported voter fraud. I have recently received and examined questionable affidavits purporting to provide evidence of misconduct during the aforementioned elections in Hidalgo County. The fact that all of the affidavits were notarized by the same notary public and use similar language raises questions about their veracity. Of further concern is that, until our office brought these affidavits to the attention of the Hidalgo County District Attorney, they had not been delivered to his office.

We have also learned that, as early as August 19, 2008, both the Secretary of State and the Attorney General's offices were aware of the suspicious allegations. To my knowledge, neither office has taken action in response to any of those suspect claims.

Perhaps most disturbingly, during my Subcommittee's interim investigation, the Attorney General's office failed to disclose the existence of these affidavits after, in September of 2008, my office asked for an updated list of all referrals related to violations of the Elections Code from 2002 to that time. It has also come to my attention that Sen. Kirk Watson made a similar request of the Attorney General in February of 2009, and the response from the Attorney General included no references to these supposed incidents.

The Attorney General's failure to include that theoretically pertinent information in his responses is troubling in light of the politicization of this particular issue.

I am enclosing the documents in question and appreciate your attention to this matter. Please contact my office at 512-463-0746 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Rafael Anchia

Enclosures