

December 8, 2016

Dear Elector,

Congratulations on your victory! We, as electoral candidates from California, wish to stand in solidarity with you as you fulfill your duty to this country. It is our understanding that you have been under quite a bit of pressure from a number of different groups. We further understand many of you have already expressed being conflicted about the upcoming decision. Given the problematic way this election has been conducted and the dubious and suspect nature of the candidates, it would be concerning if you didn't have reservations. Since, as electoral candidates, we all took the same oath, we are in the unique position of being able to relate to your formidable task. We recognize how much simpler it would be if the obligation were to a candidate, or to a party, but the oath bound us all to the Constitution of our states, and to well and faithfully discharge our duties as an elector.

"[T]o support and defend the Constitution...against all enemies foreign and domestic, to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution...and to well and faithfully discharge the duties..."

The significance of the Electoral College and the importance of your role has been largely forgotten and understated, as it has not been needed for its intended purpose since 1836. Alexander Hamilton, in *The Federalist Papers*, tells us that the fundamental purpose of its existence is that it

*"affords a moral certainty, that the office of President will never fall to the lot of any man who is not in an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications."*¹

The purpose of the Electoral College is to balance the "sense of the people" against the danger that they might one day put the country at risk by allowing a tyrant to con them into handing over that power. You and your fellow electors have the great honor and solemn responsibility to protect the country, our democracy, and our people against the dangerous threat posed by an unfit individual being allowed to occupy the office of President. We recognize and appreciate the gravity of this decision and thank you for your commitment to this duty.

Should you have planned to cast a vote for Donald Trump, as a devoted Republican, you must be aware that this man does not reflect, nor represent, your values or those of the Republican Party. Donald Trump was actually a Democrat until recently and has had long-standing social ties with Bill and Hillary Clinton. Consider how, in addition to the very real danger he poses to the country and the world, Donald Trump's reckless behavior and ignorance will reflect poorly upon the Republican Party and, likely, jeopardize its future success.

It is clear, from our fraudulent elections, the system has, thus far, failed the American people. Now, we look to you to put aside the partisanship and act as a bulwark against a very real threat. By Alexander Hamilton's standards^(see I-B), neither Hillary Clinton **nor** Donald Trump are eligible to be President^(see II/III), and **both** must be disqualified. Furthermore, despite the efforts by the DNC and media to sabotage his campaign, all evidence demonstrates that Senator Bernie Sanders won the Democratic primaries^(see VI-A/B/C). It is critical to the maintenance of our democracy and, therefore, **incumbent upon you to take this into account** when considering your decision. There is no denying that, if Senator Sanders had been able to continue as the rightful winner and legitimate Democratic nominee against Donald Trump, he would have won the General Election^(see VI-D).

As an elector, your loyalty and duty to this country and our Constitution must take precedence over any affiliation to a party or candidate. Our democracy is in dire need of your courage and leadership. As noted in the attachments, there is overwhelming evidence, which demonstrates why both Clinton and Trump are unfit for the Presidency and threaten the sovereignty of our country. As strong as those arguments are, and as seriously as they should be taken, they should actually be considered superfluous in the sense that the citizens of this country, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike, overwhelmingly desired Senator Bernie Sanders to be our 45th president^(see VI-D) but were robbed of our right to elect him^(see VI-A/B/C). However, by honoring your oath, you can ensure that this fraud, perpetrated upon American voters, is not allowed to undermine the election. By casting your vote for Senator Sanders, you will restore legitimacy to our democracy, right the wrongs of this election by affirming the rightful winner, and become part of a legacy which profoundly influences the course of our history.

We are entrusting you to act with integrity in this critical moment and put the interests of our country above any fears or affiliations. We reiterate our commitment to stand with you in solidarity as you act courageously, with integrity, to restore our democracy. We are confident the rest of the world will honor you for it, as well.

¹ Alexander Hamilton "The Federalist Papers No. 68 [emphasis added]

Sincerely,
California's Electoral Candidates for Bernard Sanders


Anita Nadine Ross (Dec 4, 2016)


Rohana Barden (Dec 6, 2016)


Sheila T Barnes (Dec 4, 2016)


Mary Kay Benson (Dec 4, 2016)


Alfred P Bull (Dec 6, 2015)


Mary Beth Cameron (Dec 5, 2016)


Caroline M Cowart (Dec 5, 2016)


Clayton Daves (Dec 4, 2016)


Jaime Davis (Dec 2016)


Jonathan Field (Dec 6, 2016)


David F Smith (Dec 7, 2016)


Trish A. Guajardo (Dec 4, 2016)


Monique Lukens (Dec 7, 2016)


Patricia Hamilton (Dec 6, 2016)


Helen Cochran (Dec 7, 2016)


Karissa Knudowski (Dec 5, 2016)


Jensen Hastings (Dec 8, 2016)


Donald Arthur Kronos (Dec 5, 2016)


Frank Hrvat (Dec 7, 2016)


Cynthia Lee (Dec 7, 2016)


Lynn Kessler (Dec 7, 2016)


Tori Phoebe Lin (Dec 4, 2016)


Jeffrey Malanuco (Dec 4, 2016)


Paul Mekhedian (Dec 7, 2016)


Ron Masson (Dec 4, 2016)


Mehd Zamani (Dec 8, 2016)


Patricia L. Moore (Dec 5, 2016)


Deanna L. Polk RN, PHN, MSHS (Dec 5, 2016)


Mary Jo Poole (Dec 6, 2016)


Barbara Maxson Proud (Dec 4, 2016)


David Robbins (Dec 4, 2016)


Christina Robinson (Dec 4, 2016)


Lynn Root (Dec 5, 2016)


Rebecca A. Ross (Dec 4, 2016)


Lisa Scouten (Dec 7, 2016)


Catharine Fish (Dec 8, 2016)


Jason C. Small (Dec 4, 2016)


Colleen F. Sparks (Dec 5, 2016)


Robyn Summers (Dec 5, 2016)


Caro Thiesing (Dec 7, 2016)


Dennis Vincent (Dec 7, 2016)


Sherry Lynn Treanor (Dec 6, 2016)


Renee J Bull (Dec 5, 2016)


Kira Rogness (Dec 7, 2016)


Cheryl L Rogness (Dec 7, 2016)


Jeffrey Scott McCampbell (Dec 6, 2016)


Kathy Yurista (Dec 6, 2016)


Arturo Sevilla (Dec 6, 2016)


Anita Norgenstem (Dec 6, 2016)


W L. Langstaffer (Dec 6, 2016)


Colleen Sturgill (Dec 6, 2016)


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Susan Ross (Dec 6, 2016)


Donald Hugues (Dec 8, 2016)

Attachments

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 - A. Democracy Lost: A Report on the Fatally Flawed 2016 Democratic Primaries
Election Justice USA | ElectionJusticeUSA.org
 - B. An Electoral System in Crisis
Iulu Fries'dat & Anselmo Sampietro in collaboration with Fritz Scheuren
 - C. Are We Witnessing a Dishonest Election? A Between State Comparison Based on the Used Voting Procedures of the 2016 Democratic Primary for the Presidency of the United States of America
Axel Geijsel, Tilburg University & Rodolfo Cortes Barragan, Stanford University
 - D. Results of 89 different MSM Polls of Sanders vs. Trump

I. (From the Federalist Papers 68)

A. Relevant Quotes

*“It was desirable that the **sense of the people** should operate in the choice of the person to whom so important a trust was to be confided.” [emphasis added]*

“It was equally desirable that the immediate election should be made by men most capable of analyzing the qualities adapted to the station, and acting under circumstances favorable to deliberation, and to a judicious combination of all the reasons and inducements which were proper to govern their choice. A small number of persons, selected by their fellow-citizens from the general mass, will be most likely to possess the information and discernment requisite to such complicated investigations.”

*“This evil was not least to be dreaded in the election of a magistrate, who was to have so important an agency in the administration of the government as the President of the United States. But the **precautions** which have been so happily concerted in the system under consideration, **promise an effectual security against this mischief.**” [emphasis added]*

***“Nothing was more to be desired than that every practicable obstacle should be opposed to cabal, intrigue, and corruption. These most deadly adversaries of republican government might naturally have been expected to make their approaches from more than one quarter, but chiefly from the desire in foreign powers to gain an improper ascendant in our councils.”** [emphasis added]*

*“All these advantages will happily combine in the plan devised by the convention; which is, that the people of each State shall choose a number of persons as electors, equal to the number of senators and representatives of such State in the national government, who shall assemble within the State, and **vote for some fit person as President.**” [emphasis added]*

*“The process of election affords a moral certainty, that the office of President will **never** fall to the lot of any man who is not in **an eminent degree** endowed with the requisite qualifications.” [emphasis added]*

“[...] the true test of a good government is its aptitude and tendency to produce a good administration.”

B. Hamilton’s metric of “fitness”:

Hamilton, of course, acknowledges that the "sense of the people" should have a part in the process, yet he argues that the final say lies with the electors.

In short, the entire reason the Electoral College exists is to balance the "sense of the people" against the danger that they might one day put the country at risk by allowing a tyrant to con them into handing over that power. In order to protect us from this possibility, the Electoral College was formed as a safeguard to prevent an "unfit" individual from becoming the Chief Executive of the country. One really must admire the incredible foresight it took for the founders to have planned for just this exact situation!

In the Federalist papers, Hamilton goes on to extrapolate upon the types of individuals to which the term "unfit" refers. He notes two, and he lists them as **corrupted individuals (particularly those who are either more directly associated with a foreign State) or individuals who do not have the capacity to run the country.**

II. Hillary Clinton is "unfit" by Alexander Hamilton's metric

Clinton falls into the former of the two specific types mentioned by Hamilton. What qualifies her as a corrupted individual more directly associated with a foreign state? Well – according to the Clinton foundation, as of 2016, Clinton has accepted:

\$10-25 million from Saudi Arabia
\$5-10 million from Kuwait
\$1-5 million from Qatar
\$1-5 million from Oman
approx. \$145 million from Russia
TOTALING between \$162-190 million

Despite the fact that it is already illegal to accept these campaign contributions from foreign governments and despite a number of these foreign States being known supporters of terrorism and violators of human rights, Hillary Clinton engaged in it anyway.

We would also argue that the super PACs of today fall in the same category since the point being made is that an individual directly associated with a foreign state (or, in other words, beholden to any group other than the American people) is unfit for the office of the presidency. Wikileaks documents prove illegal collusion with super PACs by Clinton as well as a disturbing number of instances of "pay for play" activity.

This is already more than enough information to ascertain that Hillary Clinton can NEVER be allowed to occupy the office of President, by the standards Alexander Hamilton set. There is, however, another issue, that of Election Fraud. Anyone who would willingly, purposely manipulate an American, democratic election in a way that wasn't fair or democratic anymore is not fit to be our President. Right?! How could someone who undermined democracy be trusted to lead this great nation? Please keep this in mind as you review the following information.

Fritz Scheuren, professor of statistics at George Washington University and the 100th president of the American Statistical Association (ASA), states:

"[A]s a statistician, I find the results of the 2016 primary voting unusual. In fact, I found the patterns unexpected [and even] suspicious. There is a greater degree of smoothness in the outcomes than the roughness that is typical in a raw/real data."

Scheuren further argues that

"The difference between the reported totals, and our best estimate of the actual vote, varies considerably from state to state. However these differences are significant – sometimes more than 10% – and could change the outcome of the election."

Election Justice USA has established an upper estimate of 184 pledged delegates lost by Senator Bernie Sanders as a consequence of specific irregularities and instances of fraud. EJUSA established the upper estimate through exit polling data, statistical analysis by precinct size, and attention to the details of democratic proportional awarding of national delegates. The 96 page report by EJUSA details many different ways in which the Democratic Primaries were rigged in favor of Clinton and has filed (or is filing) lawsuits in AZ, NY, IL, OH, and CA.

States with reports of irregularities that constituted possible voter registration tampering include: AZ, CA, CO, FL, IA, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, and WI. This report, called "Democracy Lost: A Report on the Fatally Flawed 2016 Democratic Primaries", recommended that the Democratic primary results in numerous states including New York and California be decertified. This is just one of numerous reports and papers released this year which challenge the primary election results and Hillary's legitimacy as the nominee. There was another published by graduate students at Stanford University entitled "Are We Witnessing a Dishonest Election?"

Hillary Clinton and the Clinton foundation are also under investigation by the FBI. Hillary Clinton has committed perjury. Hillary Clinton received a subpoena for documents and electronic devices which she, then, purposely destroyed in such a manner as to prevent any possibility of retrieval. Honestly, the list goes on, but we feel strongly that this offers more than enough evidence to settle the question of Hillary Clinton being unfit to serve as President.

II. The logical argument against Hillary Clinton

- I. Hillary Clinton was an extremely weak candidate from the beginning. Wikileaks documents prove that her staff was aware of this which is why they employed a shockingly numerous array of methods to disenfranchise members of their own party. Some of these methods include:
 - A. Colluding with the media
 1. To engage in a media blackout of Senator Sanders' campaign
 2. To employ false narratives
 3. Linking Senator Sanders' to socialism
 4. Portraying Senator Sanders as an atheist
 5. Using superdelegates to make it seem like Clinton had more support than she did
 6. Artificially propping up Donald Trump as a serious candidate thinking he would be easy to beat
 7. To schedule debates in a way that benefited Clinton
 8. To acquire prior access to debate questions
 9. To suppress coverage of damning Wikileaks documents
 10. To discredit Wikileaks documents
 11. To engage in voter suppression by doing things like announcing Hillary Clinton had won the primaries and was the Democratic nominee the day before California was to vote
 - B. Illegally purging voters off the rolls (over 120,000 just in Brooklyn)
 - C. Illegal voter registration tampering in NY CA FL KY MD NJ OH OR PA AZ
 - D. Closing down hundreds of polling locations in areas that favored Bernie Sanders
 - E. Distributing DNC donations unevenly
 - F. Stealing Bernie Sanders' campaign's data using hacking
 - G. Voter suppression by California elections officials (multiple methods)
 1. NPP suppression
 - a. Refusal to include NPP Presidential voting options on regular ballots
 - b. refusal to mail Presidential ballots to NPP vote by mail voters unless explicitly requested
 - c. refusal to provide mandatory notices to vote by mail NPP voters of their right to a presidential preference ballot
 - d. refusal to inform NPP voters at the polls of their right to a presidential preference ballot
 - e. refusal to provide adequate ballots and/or Voter indexes, despite the state law requirement of 75% voter roll coverage
 - f. refusal to clarify to voters that American Independent is a political party and does not signify "independent" (NPP) status
 - g. A lawsuit was filed by EJUSA in an attempt to address these issues, but relief was not granted
 2. Party selection confusion
 3. Poll worker training: of the more than 700 complaints that EJ USA received regarding the California primary, almost 100 of them were from poll workers. Large numbers of poll workers were instructed to give a provisional if they did not use the proper wording.
 4. Lack of standards: very and processes for each county for ballot handling, different terminology, mismatched equipment and distinctive poll worker training resulting in inconsistencies, mass confusion and even arguments among aligned supporters
 5. People being switched to vote by mail status without their knowledge
 6. Voters were forced to use provisional ballots
 - H. Fraudulent or erroneous voting machine tallies in at least 17 states
 - I. Iowa caucus irregularities
 - J. Nevada caucus irregularities
 - K. Locking delegates for Bernie Sanders out of the convention
 - L. Hired people to "troll" the Internet and target people speaking badly about Clinton (Correct the Record)
- II. Hillary Clinton is not going to win the required 270 votes, therefore voting for her would be wasting your vote even if she was a "fit" candidate.
- III. Since Hillary Clinton fraudulently stole the nomination from the rightful winner, and much stronger candidate against Donald Trump, it follows that she and her fellow conspirators are responsible for Donald Trump's apparent victory and for any consequences or repercussions which may result. This, further, cements the case that she should never be President.

IV. Donald Trump is "unfit" by Alexander Hamilton's metric

A most disturbing example of why it would be injudicious to vote for Donald Trump is that while campaigning, Mr. Trump advocated the killing of the (innocent) family members of suspected terrorists. Regardless of one's personal beliefs on the matter, this is a direct violation of the Geneva Convention and constitutes a War Crime. Whether Donald Trump suggested this because he does not care about the sickening implications of ordering our military to commit War Crimes or whether he's simply ignorant enough to do such a thing, this plainly demonstrates his ineligibility to be President of the United States of America and Commander-in-Chief of the largest, most powerful military in the history of the world.

Furthermore, Donald Trump's refusal to put his companies, assets, and holdings into a Blind Trust proves that he puts his own personal benefit above what is good for America. This would be an unprecedented and unacceptable conflict of interest that makes it impossible to trust or believe he takes the responsibility of the office seriously. Even if Donald Trump suddenly decides to divest, which there is no indication he's considering, he will be in violation of the Constitution's Emoluments Clause the moment he is sworn in, guaranteeing his immediate impeachment. The following are just some of the specific examples of his extremely problematic conflicts of interest.

A person cannot be allowed to make decisions about national policies and international relations while he is so heavily personally invested. Donald Trump has stated that his children would run his companies (an offer that mocks the notion of a Blind Trust) and that they would not be involved in government in any way, yet he has already appointed them to his transition team, asked that they receive inappropriate security clearance, and his daughter has already participated in a state meeting with Japan's leader to which no press was allowed and no information as to what was discussed was made known, as well as taking part in a phone call with Argentine President Mauricio Macri in which a business project in that country was discussed.

Donald Trump continually refuses to specify any clear steps to separate himself from his real estate and branding empire. In fact, after being named the president-elect, Donald Trump continued to meet with foreign business partners and was soliciting business for his Washington hotel (which he happens to be leasing from the federal government) from foreign diplomats. This is a conflict of interest on top of a conflict of interest multiplied by a conflict of interest.

Taking into account, on top of this already unethical behavior, the fact that Donald Trump has a history of fraudulent activity which includes things like bribing Florida's Attorney General Pam Bondi with \$25,000 while she was considering the lawsuit against him for fraud, his charitable foundations being used to buy himself expensive gifts and pay personal legal fees, the 24 citations issued by the Department of Labor for illegally refusing to pay his employees minimum wage or overtime, his repeated refusal to pay hundreds of his contractors for their work, his recent \$25 million settlement for defrauding students of Trump University, and his (literally) thousands of other examples of litigation brought against him how could anyone even consider for a second trusting this man with such an important circumstance?

Additionally, we have seen that, within moments of Donald Trump being declared as the presumptive President elect, his supporters began engaging in hate crimes against many different minority groups to the degree that we cannot possibly reference every incident due to there being so many. The rhetoric Donald Trump has used throughout his campaign has incited those people who look to him as their leader to begin to engage in and escalate violence against others including Mexicans, Muslims, Women, Blacks, the LBGQTQ community, Jews, Refugees, and essentially anyone else who doesn't support him.

Days went by with a significant portion of Americans living in fear of and experiencing violence, at the hands of his followers, yet Mr. Trump failed to denounce such behavior or call for an end to it in any way. He failed to denounce the endorsements he received from David Duke and the KKK and then doubled down on his racist ideology by appointing a white nationalist Stephen Bannon as Senior Counselor. This utter failure to take any positive action whatsoever to protect the rights and, more importantly, the safety of so many American citizens very clearly illustrates his lack of capacity to run the country.

Lastly, Donald Trump would be the first President ever without ANY military or civic experience.

V. The logical argument against Donald Trump

- I. Donald Trump is not a Republican.
 - A. Until recently Donald Trump was a Democrat.
 - B. In California Donald Trump ran concurrently with two different parties.
 1. Republican
 2. American Independent Party (a racist white-wing hate party)
- II. Donald Trump will ruin the Republican Party and Republicans will lose at the midterms
- III. Even if Donald Trump suddenly decides to divest, which there is no indication he's considering, he will be in violation of the Constitution's Emoluments Clause the moment he is sworn in, guaranteeing his immediate impeachment. The following are just some of the specific examples of his extremely problematic conflicts of interest.
 - A. Trump International Hotel: The Trump Organization's contract with the General Services Administration prohibits any elected official of the United States government from being part of the lease or deriving any benefit from it. Trump would, in effect, be both the landlord and the tenant of the building according to government procurement experts, Steven L. Schooner and Daniel I. Gordon.
 - B. Deutsche Bank: The Trump Organization owes millions of dollars to Deutsche Bank, which is Germany's largest bank, who is in negotiations with the Justice Department to settle claims over its handling of mortgage-backed securities before the 2008 financial crisis. Trump would oversee a department with the power to make or break the German bank, whose ability to pay a large settlement on this claim is questionable. Their opening bid was \$14 billion.
 - C. Internal Revenue Service: Donald Trump has said he cannot release his tax returns because he is under audit by the I.R.S. which, were he elected, he would then oversee. The term of the head of the IRS, John A. Koskinen, ends Nov. 12, 2017 (although he may resign or the Republicans may succeed in their efforts to impeach him before then) and the President is responsible to nominate a new commissioner.
 - D. National Labor Relations Board: A week before the election, the board ruled against the Trump International Hotel Las Vegas, which Mr. Trump co-owns, for refusing to negotiate with a new culinary workers union. The National Labor Relations Board is an independent Federal agency responsible for enforcing labor laws and safeguarding employees' right to organize. Mr. Trump, with advice from the Transition Team which Mr. Trump's children are on, appoints the five members of this board which would investigate complaints brought by workers, including those at his hotels and other properties.
 - E. Foreign Interests: Mr. Trump has business interests in countries around the world that will be negotiating foreign policy with the Trump Administration. These policy decisions would affect his business interests and, no doubt, through these interests, foreign governments could affect foreign policy decisions.
- IV. Donald Trump has no experience whatsoever in either military or civil service. He would be the first President in history to lack any familiarity in both these areas.
- V. Donald Trump has been extremely divisive and has brought out the worst in Americans. He has promoted and encouraged hostility and violence
- VI. Had he run against the candidate who actually won the Democratic Primaries, Bernie Sanders, he would have been defeated
- VII. Many people voted for Donald Trump only to make sure Hillary didn't win
- VIII. Donald Trump as our leader makes us the laughingstock of the world.

VI. Why Bernie Sanders?

- I. Bernie Sanders, despite the efforts to sabotage his campaign, won the Democratic Primary nomination and would have won the General Election against Donald Trump if not for Hillary being fraudulently nominated
- II. Bernie Sanders is an Independent, not a Democrat or Republican, which makes him the perfect compromise candidate who can unite our dangerously divided country
- III. Bernie Sanders is the candidate most Americans wanted and would have voted for, had a legitimate election taken place
- IV. Bernie Sanders is the most popular politician in America
- V. Bernie Sanders is known as the "Amendment King" because of his ability to work with both parties to pass legislation for the good of the American people
- VI. Bernie Sanders as President is the highest good for our country, our future, and the world