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Mr. Jim Iannuzo, Chairman
Maricopa County Libertarian Party
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Dear Mr. Iannuzo:

I am writing in response to your request to appoint John Brakey and James March as political party observers on behalf of the Maricopa County Libertarian Party for the counting of the ballots and to visit polling places for the Presidential Preference Election to be held February 5, 2008. Because the Arizona Libertarian Party chose not to participate in this election and there is no provision in the law authorizing political party observers of a party that does not have candidates on the ballot, there is no statutory authority to permit these observers in the polling locations or in the ballot tabulating room.

In addition, the election officer in charge of the central counting facility shall control access to the room in which the ballots are tabulated to ensure security and to protect the integrity of the elections work area. Accordingly, Mr. Brakey and Mr. March will not be permitted to enter the room where the ballots and voting machines are located. Instead, they are welcome to observe the ballot tabulation process through the large glass windows in the lobby area of the Maricopa County Tabulation Elections Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Osborne".

Karen Osborne
Maricopa County Elections Director

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