

January 28, 2021

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

RE: SB 2231

Dear Members of the Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee.

I am writing to you to encourage a modification of SB 2231. I agree that the election results should be published on the county's website.

However I also believe that the county's should continue to publish the election results in the local paper. Our local newspapers continue to be the lifeblood of our communities. Public notices are an important source of information to the residents and provide financial support to the newspapers. Local newspapers struggle to survive in the current environment and this would be one additional challenge they would face. They are also a permanent historical record. We need to do everything we can to continue to support our local newspapers.

I would simply request that you modify the language and replace "or" with "and". This allows the election results to be published on the county website immediately and followed up in the local paper.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JEBSCH", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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