Protocol for Engaging with the MassGOP Lawyer on Election Integrity Concerns

The MassGOP Lawyer is available to the Election Integrity and Registration Committee: Primarily to advise on interpretation of the law and egregious events. Issues emerging at the local municipalities can and should be handled locally first. The MassGOP lawyer will actively get involved:

* If it is demonstrated that the law has clearly been broken.
* The broken law is egregious (at a profoundly serious level) to warrant further investigation.
* If there is enough physical and/or supporting evidence to review and present a case as determined by the MassGOP Lawyer.
* Any requests that the MassGOP lawyer determines are actionable will also be reviewed and approved to move forward by the Chair, MassGOP and Executive Director, MassGOP

**Anyone in the MassGOP may contact the MassGOP Lawyer with an Election Integrity Concern:**

* If you have a question about the interpretation of an MGL that is unclear.
* If you have definitive proof that a law was broken, or you are not sure and need assistance in determination if a law was broken.
* You can clearly define what law was broken and how the law was broken.

**Before you consult the MassGOP lawyer on an Election Integrity Issue:**

* Gather any relevant documents, including correspondence on actions you took to resolve at your level.
* Ensure you keep dates, times, names of those involved.
* If you have proof via video, or physical proof ensure that it was obtained legally.
* Present information to your RTC and/or RCC Chair
* Present this information and your actions for registration with your State Committeeman or Woman.
* Document for support documents what action the State Committee man or woman takes to help resolve the issue.
* Meet with the Chair, Election Integrity and Registration Committee who may attempt to resolve by coordinating action with the Chair, MassGOP and/or Executive Director, MassGOP

**Upon Analysis of the event, the MassGOP Chair and/or MassGOP Executive Director may then wish to bring in legal advice and determine if a legal cause of action is required**:

* If at any point the MassGOP legal advisor, MassGOP Chair and/or Executive Director feels the concern is not actionable, this will be communicated to the Chair, MassGOP Election Integrity and Registration, the appropriate State Committee Chairs, the RTC/RCC Chair involved and the individual who brought the concern forward.
* If a determination is returned that No Legal Action will be taken by the legal staff, other resolutions may be discussed with all parties for agreement, such as communication of the concern between the Executive Director, MassGOP and the Secretary of State’s Office.