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Australian-based San Francisco voter's Ballot returned marked "Undeliverable as addressed"

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From: *****

Date: Thu, Nov 13, 2014 at 7:10 PM

Subject: Australian-based San Francisco voter's Ballot returned marked "Undeliverable as addressed"

To: elections.commission@sfgov.org

Cc: *****

Dear Commission

I am a San Franciscan living in Australia, and I vote faithfully in every Federal and State election.

In today's post my 2014 Ballot, posted in late September, was returned to me. On it a yellow sticker stated that it was 'Undeliverable as addressed', and 'could not be forwarded'. Please see the attached photograph. For reference, that is a \$6.45 stamp that covers airmail to the USA from Australia, and was posted directly from my post office.

I am utterly astonished that official Ballots, clearly printed and marked as Election materials, could be treated this way.

Will the Commission please look into this situation and address what can be changed to keep it from happening again?

The numbers/codes on the sticker may help identify which post office was responsible for that decision, and they can be called to give an account of their actions. [Please refer to the attached photograph of the returned Ballot and yellow sticker on it.]

Thank you for your attention to this. I would appreciate being informed of what steps you have taken to rectify the problem for future elections. After all, every citizen has the right and duty to have their voices heard, and I cannot bear thinking that my Ballot will not reach you in coming years.

Please note that I am also 'cc-ing' this email to the State Democratic Party, and Democrats Abroad, for them to address in case it is happening systematically to other overseas voters.

Sincerely yours,



Ballot undeliverable as addressed.JPG
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