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Ada County Elections Introduces Innovative Elections Transparency Tool, the Ballot Verifier

(Boise, ID) – Ada County Elections is excited to launch a new, first-of-its-kind platform, the Ballot Verifier, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24. This tool puts Ada County at the forefront of providing more transparency into elections by being the first in the country to develop and implement an interactive data tool like the Ballot Verifier.

This innovative and interactive tool will allow the public to explore a wide range of Ada County election data, including ballot images and Cast Vote Records (CVR) for all elections from 2022 forward. The Ballot Verifier is designed to ensure the accuracy and integrity of every vote cast in Ada County elections. It allows voters to verify that ballots are being tabulated correctly, while also providing peace of mind that their voices were heard accurately.

Previously, community members had to submit public records requests to the Ada County Clerk's Office to obtain data, such as ballot images or CVRs. This process involved waiting several days and paying a fee for the desired information. With the Ballot Verifier, the public can instantly view all cast ballot images and CVRs to conduct their own "citizen count" by simply visiting this tool online.

“Increasing the community’s trust in government and our election system is always the number one priority for Ada County Elections, and the Ballot Verifier is another step in that direction,” Ada County Clerk Trent Tripple said. “Ada County Elections has worked tirelessly to implement innovative solutions like the Ballot Verifier to uphold the democratic values of transparency and fairness in every election.”

Civera is a software company that crafts innovative, public data tools to enhance government transparency and accountability. Civera developed the Ballot Verifier over the course of an 18-month partnership with Ada County Elections and will continue to enhance the tool throughout the year.

“Civera is honored to partner with Ada County Elections to make the promise of a transparent democracy a reality,” said CEO Adam Friedman. “The Ballot Verifier sets a new standard in election accountability by providing free, accurate, and complete ballot data to anyone with an internet connection, while preserving voter privacy. We are thrilled to help Ada County Elections continue its mission to promote confidence in the fairness and precision of their elections process.”

Election Officials, as well as Friedman, will be available to answer media questions and demo the Ballot Verifier on Wednesday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m. Please see the Media Advisory for more details.

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