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Gale continues inquiry into voter's registration in Douglas County

LINCOLN – Secretary of State John Gale confirmed that his inquiry into the legal sufficiency of the voter registration of Jamie Gutierrez in Douglas County is continuing based upon the complaint received from Pat McPherson on September 10, 2013.

Gale commented that, "While the resignation offered by Ms. Gutierrez from the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA), if duly accepted by the MECA Board, will bring to a close the question of whether she was a 'resident elector' or a 'qualified resident' under the rules of membership for that Board, that issue is a different issue from the one posed to me. My investigation focuses on the legal sufficiency of the voter registration in Douglas County of Ms. Gutierrez on December 28, 2012."

Gale continued by saying, "My office and I have been requesting and compiling public documents and information that will allow us to make a determination as to Jaime Gutierrez' voter status. That process continues. Our goal is a thoughtful and thorough investigation."

Gale added that his office did not have law enforcement powers of investigation, nor was his office a prosecuting authority, nevertheless, much of the information needed is contained in public records. Gale has been in contact with a representative of Ms. Gutierrez regarding the inquiry.

Gale said it was his hope that the investigation would be completed by the end of September and an opinion issued at that time.

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