

# **TOP 10 VULNERABILITIES TO ERRORS & TAMPERING IN NEVADA ELECTION SYSTEM**

Because of the below listed vulnerability areas, Nevada citizens should not blindly trust our government to certify its own results, validate election system components, and audit its processes. Concerned parties should view the video evidence of systemic election system defects listed on [CitizenTaskForce.Org](https://CitizenTaskForce.Org). For example, our election system indicates that:

- 1. End-to-end, election system “chain-of-custody” records and “audit trails” are not in place;**
- 2. Fraudulent election results can result from not implementing independent audits and security oversight by licensed audit/fraud professionals outside of government agencies;**
- 3. Accurate re-counts of election results seem not attainable, and even the basic, ineffective provisions are unreasonably priced under statute limitations.**
- 4. Insider tampering is possible due to insufficient background checks and failures to require a comprehensive, disciplined buddy system for such a critical, secure data system;**
- 5. External tampering threats exist due to not nurturing effective security practices and cultures within the full range of election employees, contractors and volunteers;**
- 6. Internal and external hardware and software inspections and testing cannot be conducted by County employees on systems components before, during and after elections;**
- 7. Locks on machines, magnetic devices and transport vaults appear easily defeated;**
- 8. Seal and tamper detection training for employees and workers appear inadequate;**
- 9. Chain of custody records for storage and transport drivers and ballot handlers are not part of the Post Election Audit process and other relevant security procedures; and**
- 10. Responsible managers appear insufficiently trained and cannot be held accountable for systems under their authority found vulnerable to corruption or criminal violations.**

NV election system statutes, policies, procedures, vulnerabilities, and operating deficiencies urgently need to be repaired and upgraded. Secret self inspections of electronic systems are not acceptable in this complex world of cyber threats. There is an urgent need for truly independent, specially trained auditors/fraud examiners to certify the integrity of election results. Else, citizens, candidates, candidate sponsors and political parties will be unable to depend on the trustworthiness of election results and be deterred from participating.