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Electronic Survey seeking County Board of Elections office space costs

Efforts are underway to quantify the counties' costs of administering elections. The space provided by your county to support your county's Board of Elections operations is a critical component of these costs.

We are asking each county to respond to our [BOE OFFICE SPACE SURVEY](#), which is to be completed electronically, and submit their response prior to **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017**, to help us quantify board of elections office space costs.

As you are aware CCAO is exploring the concept of counties trading their funding responsibility for administering elections and providing indigent defense in exchange for the state keeping counties' Local Government Funds that would go into their general fund.

This idea originated with the Allen County Commissioners and they have engaged their legislators in helping us obtain data regarding the costs associated with these two obligations the state has assigned to the counties to perform. While we have obtained reasonably objective data regarding indigent defense, we are having difficulty quantifying the counties' costs in administering elections.

We have discovered that there is no data regarding the space utilized by BOEs. The "Board of Elections Annual Expense Reports" filed with the Secretary of State do not adequately reflect the expense for space because in many instances BOEs are not charged for space and consequently do not receive an invoice to report.

Consequently, we have developed the attached survey to help us determine the actual costs of providing the space necessary to conduct board activities. The survey seeks information for the various costs associated with the various type of office space that the board of elections may maintain and any other information that you would like to provide that impacts how you county provides office space to the BOE.

Collecting valid and comprehensive data regarding elections costs will be absolutely vital to the ability to continue further dialogue with our members and the General Assembly regarding this concept that is being explored. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and, recognizing that we are asking for specific detailed information which may take time for you to collect and report for us, we sincerely appreciate your effort invested in providing this detailed information contained in your response to our CCAO survey.

Again, we ask that your county click on the link and complete the electronic survey prior to **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017**.

This email is being sent to all commissioners, the Cuyahoga and Summit County executives and council members, county administrators and commissioners' clerks.

If you have questions, please contact either Cheryl Subler csubler@ccao.org or John Leutz jleutz@ccao.org.



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