

Election Integrity Project® California & Rolando Chinea v Mark A. Lunn In Court June 12 – 16, 2023

The Consent of the Governed is the Basis of Government Authority

"Consent of the governed," a phrase found in the United States Declaration of Independence, refers to the concept that <u>a government's legitimacy and moral right to use State power is only justified and legal when the people consent</u> to the exercise of that political power.

The founders of the United States <u>believed in a government built upon the consent of "free and equal" citizens.</u>

A State otherwise conceived would lack legitimacy and legal authority.

From the Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...

The consent of the governed begins with a fair, honest and transparent election process.

Election Integrity Project® California, Inc. (EIPCa) is a California nonpartisan nonprofit public benefit corporation committed to defending the civil rights of U.S. citizens to fully participate in the election process including legal action when necessary.

EIPCa has filed three lawsuits so far:

- 1. 2017 EIPCa v Padilla & Logan (state court) re: violation of NVRA Sect. 8 (voter rolls) **settled in EIPCa's favor** in January of 2019.
- 2. 2020 EIPCa, Rolando Chinea v Lunn (<u>state court</u>) re: observer rights **heard in court in June 12, 2023** (see below)
- 3. 2021 EIPCa v Weber, Bonta, 15 CA ROVs (<u>federal court</u>) re: unconstitutional election laws, regulations, policies & procedures **cleared to proceed after the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that EIPCa does have**

standing in this matter.

EIPCa & Rolando Chinea sued Ventura County Registrar Mark Lunn in CA state court in March 2020 for violation Election Code §15104 that gives authority to citizens to observe the entire vote-by-mail election process, ask questions, receive answers and present challenges.

Originally scheduled for hearing in March, 2020, our day in court was delayed over three years due to the ramifications of the court closures due to COVID.

Finally, our case went to trial on June 12, 2023 and concluded on June 16, 2023.

For five grueling days EIPCa Ventura volunteers testified in support of their documentation of the county's noncompliance with EC §154104 resulting in almost **NO** transparency of the procedures used to process vote by mail ballots. A member of the EIPCa Board also testified in support of the integrity of our company and the intense training of our volunteers.

Due to the huge amount of evidence and testimony, the judge scheduled July 10th for the attorneys to come back to court for closing arguments.

We are grateful for the hard work of our attorneys with Advocates for Faith and Freedom and the thorough work of our EIPCa Ventura team in documenting the FACTS.

Not only is EIPCa pleased with the outcome so far, but our attorneys are as well. Please see the message Advocates sent last week after spending 5 days representing EIPCa:

Message from **Advocates for Faith & Freedom**, the law firm representing **Election Integrity Project** *California* (EIPCa)



Latest Developments: Election Integrity Case

Our team has been engaged in a monumental case, and we wanted to share with you the latest update. Last week, over the course of five intense days, we passionately represented our clients, Election Integrity Project[®] California (EIPCa), in trial.

Our <u>primary objective</u> is to ensure election integrity and <u>promote transparency</u> within our voting system.

The <u>testimony presented was comprehensive and compelling</u>, thanks to the exceptional work of our attorneys.

Please join us in prayer as we prepare for closing arguments next month.

<u>This case</u> positions us at the forefront of promoting electing integrity by ensuring the public can observe the processing of vote-by-mail ballots.

<u>Its outcome will set a crucial precedent</u> and <u>serve as a potential blueprint for</u> other states.

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Proverbs 11:3

All of us at EIPCa are deeply thankful to every citizen in every county who has volunteered with us at any level between 2011 and 2022.

YOU have made a difference!

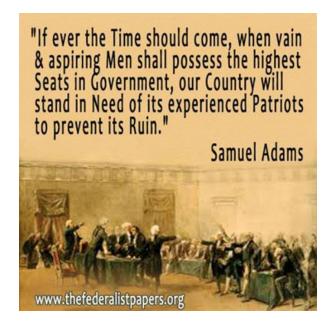
Lawsuits are expensive but EIPCa is committed to seeing both this lawsuit in state court AND our Constitutional lawsuit in federal court through to completion.

We cannot do this without your support.

Please-consider donating generously <u>now</u> and <u>often</u>.

Success of these lawsuits has the potential to change the landscape of elections not only in California but across the nation.

Together we continue to work hard to prevent the Ruin of our beloved United States of America!



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