Summary of Non-Citizen Jurors Who May be Registered to Vote

- A small group of lowans are working together to research and clean our voter registration rolls. When we can we challenge voters who appear to be illegally registered to vote in Iowa. The group, True Iowa Vote, is loosely connected to TrueTheVote which is a national 501(c)3 organization. As Iowa grassroots volunteers, we are concerned that elections in Iowa are free and fair. One of those areas of concern is non-citizens who may be registered to vote.
- From juror questionnaires we examined across the entire state of Iowa from January 2014 May 2016 (29 months), 5,739 prospective jurors indicated that they were not US citizens. The jury pool is composed of people who are either registered voters, registered with the Department of Transportation or both. Nearly 100% of Iowans are in the jury pool.
- 3. Those names and addresses were checked against the Iowa Secretary of State's website to see if they are registered to vote.
- 4. From those 5,739 names, there were 145 matches for name and zip code. See table at end of this sheet for a breakdown of registered non-citizens by county.
- 5. There were many other names that were close enough to an exact match to justify further investigation. However, because we did not have access to birth dates of the prospective jurors we could not positively identify them as a match. Presumably government agencies would have more information on which to compare the lists.
- 6. Of the 145 names of non-citizens that were registered to vote, we have been able to challenge only 26 of them due to not having volunteers in the appropriate counties. Fourteen (14) challenges have been upheld and the voter's registration was canceled. Most of the 12 challenges which were not upheld were because the non-citizen had become a naturalized citizen after completing their jury questionnaire. A few were incorrectly classified as non-citizens.

7. There may hundreds of non-citizens registered to vote state-wide.

Statistics from various government agencies show that nearly all lowa residents are registered with the Department of Transportation or registered to vote or both. In 2015-2016, there were approximately 2,404,310 lowa residents age 18 and over. During the sample period, there were an average of 2,104,483 registered voters. There are an estimated 2,464,710 people registered with the lowa DOT (over age 18). From January 2014 to May 2016, there were 318,283 juror questionnaires returned. This is a good random sample (13%) of lowa residents over 18. Of the 318,283 questionnaires, 5,739 of the respondents indicated they are not US citizens (1.8% of respondents). Our cross check shows that 145 of those non-citizens appear to be registered to vote (0.046% of the sample of 318,283). Using these numbers, we estimate their may be nearly 1,000 (calculated=959) non-citizens registered to vote state-wide. Even if you reduce the estimated number by 50% to account for some non-citizens becoming naturalized, we are still talking about approximately 500 non-citizens on our voter registration rolls. That is certainly enough to affect some election results.

8. In lowa, one of the primary qualifications to register to vote is to be a US citizen. Other requirements such as identity, age and residence are verified by documentation, but accurate voter registration and voting relies entirely on a person's signed statement on the voter registration form and on signed declarations of eligibility at the polls. There is no documentary proof required to verify that the person is indeed a citizen. Obviously, this has not stopped the non-citizens that we found who had registered to vote.

Non-citizens registered to vote by county (from our research).

COUNTY	NUMBER	COUNTY	NUMBER	COUNTY	NUMBER
Polk	28	Woodbury	5	Jasper	1
Muscatine	21	Buena Vista	4	Jefferson	1
Black Hawk	14	Dallas	2	Lee	1
Scott	14	Dubuque	2	Marion	1
Johnson	12	Pottawattamie	2	Pocahontas	1
Wapello	10	Tama	2	Warren	1
Linn	9	Cerro Gordo	1	Webster	1
Marshall	5	Clarke	1		
Story	5	Hamilton	1		