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# Reconstituting Ben Franklin's Republic

by Michael Billington

Jan. 2—The LaRouche Organization and the Schiller Institute today hosted a powerful virtual Town Hall meeting with representatives of the state legislatures and activists from four of the states in which the presidential election is contested, and others, presenting evidence of the massive vote fraud and irregularities in the election, and discussing the profound impact of this fight for the future of the nation and the world. The forum is part of a mobilization of concerned citizens to create a Citizens' Commission for Truth in Elections, which will hold a founding conference on January 17.

Speaker after speaker reported on the massive evidence, in plain sight, of the irregularities and outright fraud in Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, insisting that if this fraudulent election is allowed to stand, then the faith in the electoral process in the United States will be destroyed. They addressed the role of the corrupt media, which repeats *ad nauseam* the mantra of "unsubstantiated claims" of vote fraud, and the corrupt courts, which have dismissed every case, not on the merits, but on procedure, without hearing the evidence.



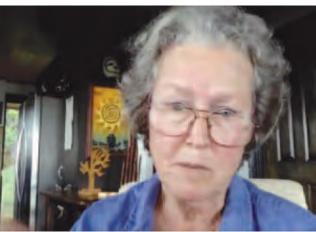
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Some of the speakers in the January 2, 2020 Town Hall meeting, "Truth in Elections," co-sponsored by The LaRouche Organization and the Schiller Institute.



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Patrick Colbeck, former Michigan State Senator.



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Martha Rollins

It was emphasized that the clear language of the Constitution grants state legislators—not the courts nor other officials—the sole responsibility for electoral rules in each state, but that has been violated in several states. The focus now is on January 6, when the electoral votes are to be presented to a joint session of Congress. Already several members of the House of Representatives and the Senate have expressed their intention to challenge the electors from the contested states.

Most important is the case of Pennsylvania. State Representative Russ Diamond informed the meeting that the newly elected members of the Commonwealth Legislature will be sworn in on January 5, the day before the meeting of the U.S. Congress, and 59 members of the state House and six members of the state Senate intend to protest the certification of the Biden electors. Republicans are in control of both Pennsylvania houses. Representative Diamond reviewed the study done by himself and Representative Frank Ryan, which found that there were 170,000 more ballots counted than there were voters who voted for President (the vote differential between Trump and Biden in Pennsylvania was about 80,000 votes).

Former Michigan State Senator Patrick Colbeck, after expressing his anger that the current legislators had not continued the fight over the fraud, reported on the total failure of officials to follow the law regarding the "chain of custody" of the ballots, at every step of the process. He also noted that the process of hand transferring the votes recorded on military ballots to official ballots had been done without any poll watchers, from any party—an incredible breach of the law.

Martha Rollins, who has worked with Code Pink

around the world, spoke to the conference from Costa Rica, describing how British and U.S. intelligence circles had carried out "regime change" operations in Syria, Honduras, and elsewhere:

Through the media, they demonize the President, using vote fraud, fomenting dissent, then violence, then putting their person in power. The people who ran these operations around the world are the same people running the campaign against Trump.

Several speakers praised the Schiller Institute and The LaRouche Organization, as well as the website *Gateway Pundit*, for giving voice to those fighting for the truth and integrity in elections

Joe Hoft from the *Gateway Pundit* addressed the meeting, pointing out that the website now has over four million page views per day. He called on President Donald Trump to release all documents related to the Russiagate hoax and other aspects of the coup attempts against the U.S. President. He spoke about Julian Assange and the British court hearing scheduled for January 4, and appealed to the President to pardon Assange.

Moderator **Dennis Speed** and the Schiller Institute's **Harley Schlanger** provided historical context to the crisis facing mankind today, also urging President Trump to "turn over the chessboard" by pardoning Assange and Edward Snowden, and exonerating Lyndon LaRouche. Schlanger added that a Special Prosecutor regarding the vote fraud is urgent, as the only hope for getting to the truth. U.S. Senate candidate in New York **Diane Sare** reminded the audience that former Attor-

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Joe Hoft, journalist, Gateway Pundit.

Diane Sare, independent candidate for U.S. Senate from New York.

ney-General Ramsey Clark, who represented Lyndon LaRouche on appeal—in the illegal prosecution by the same corrupt networks who ran Russiagate against Trump—said in the 1990s that if the illegal prosecution of LaRouche were allowed to stand, that no one would be safe.

Today, President Trump's best approach to stop the coup is to exonerate LaRouche, forcing the truth to light about the British Empire's historical effort to destroy the American System, to drag its former colony back into the British Imperial division of the world, its Malthusian policies, its colonial warfare, and even its nuclear confrontation with Russia and China. This is why the British hate Trump, as they hated LaRouche. These next few weeks will determine whether Americans will prove to be "little," as Schiller said of the French in the face of the Jacobin mobs, or if they will rise and declare their human love of truth and restore the American Republic.

The following is an edited transcript of excerpts from the Town Hall meeting. All of the presentations are being transcribed, and will be posted along with the video, on both The LaRouche Organization website and the Schiller Institute website.

## **Opening Greetings**

**Dennis Speed:** Hello! Welcome to this afternoon's Manhattan town meeting, the first broadcast from The LaRouche Organization. Five years from now, the United States will be celebrating its 250th birthday. And about four days from now, on January 6th, there will be an extraordinary and historic debate in the Congress of the United States, on the immediate direction

of the United States Presidency, because of the contention that the election of 2020 has actually been stolen. The long view, of the next five years, and the short view, are actually identical. This is not actually a crisis of the Presidency, or even of the Constitution as such. It is a civilizational crisis in which the American people will decide whether or not this nation, or any such nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

Lyndon LaRouche, eight years ago, on the occasion of his 90th birthday issued the following stinging criticism of the party system.

## The Problem Is the Party System

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. (via video): President George Washington and others, at the founding of our republic, as an independent republic, tried to prevent the formation of a party system. And I think the time has come to eliminate the party system....

Why should we have party systems? We have a Constitution, which is defined; the Constitution is fine, if it's carried through as intended; it is our system. But why do we have to have parties intervening between the process of selecting Presidential leadership in national government? Why do we do that? What screwball invented this kind of nonsense? Because that's what happened. People become partisan, and say, "Whichever party wins is going to determine the fate of the nation!"

No party has that kind of right. There can not be a party that has the right to oversee and control the destiny of the nation. You can have a President; there's nothing wrong with that. But you can't have a President as the President of a party. Or, you can not have a conniving between two Presidential teams, or two party

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Dennis Speed, moderator.

teams, by special agreement among themselves, to create the composition of a national government! These things are obscenities, which leaders of our nation, beginning from the George Washington Administration, recognized as evils!

And the idea of going to a European kind of government, which is inherently corrupt—by its very nature, not necessarily by the intention of the people, or the intention of the politicians—they just don't know any better.

And the only way this can be done, is if we infect the population with the realization, we do not want a party system. We have state governments, don't we? Under our Constitution. We have local governments, within state governments, under our Constitution. We have bodies which the nation creates, to perform functions of the Federal government, the military and the rest of it. So, we don't need parties. They don't do any damned good.

If Franklin Roosevelt had just been the President, and didn't have to deal with these damned parties, we wouldn't have the mess we've got into. We don't need to have a contention, over which party is going to win, when the party was not inherent in the conception of nation. What we need is a Federal republic, with its state composition, and other local compositions playing their role.

We don't need this party system, which is a system of inherent corruption. What we need, is the due process election of a composition of government. And we don't want people diverting the attention of the population from the issues of the nation, over the issues of partisanship! That's where the problem lies!



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Harley Schlanger, Schiller Institute.

## A Wake-Up Call

Speed: We're starting today with this because we wish to startle you; we wish to startle our fellow Americans into a realization about what the actual process is that's being discussed on January 6th. Because people are trying to divert the attention, and say, "Well, this is just an attempt to try to steal the election from Donald Trump." Or "Donald Trump's attempt to try to steal it from Biden." Or it's this, or it's that. It's none of that. What has happened is that a crime has been committed, and that crime has involved intelligence agencies of the United States and of the Five Eyes nations. These intelligence agencies, and *not* the Chinese, *not* the Russians, not the Venezuelans, are the actual persons or agencies that have the capability of carrying out the kind of fraud that has, in fact, been documented at least in various instances by various persons who saw it or participated in electoral processes that they have come to question. Therefore, what the actual contention is, that between January 6th and January 20th, is whether or not we're going to maintain the republic.

Why is this so important to everybody who is watching, whether you voted or you didn't vote at all? We know that there are other nations, whether that be Russia, China, or much smaller nations, that are looking at the process presently ongoing in the United States. They're very worried; many people are worried. Because questions of war and peace, questions concerning the coronavirus, questions that may in fact involve whether or not there's an extinction event that humanity is facing; these are the questions that need to be being discussed with the American people and by the American President.

Who Elected Him? EIR January 8, 2021 Whenever President Donald Trump has tried to do that over the course of the past four years, he's usually been thwarted by some crazy assertion about Russia or China or somebody. And what happens is that, instead of being able to not only stay a course, but to implement the kind of dialogue this is required among nations, the President was unable to do that.

We have found ourselves, particularly in the case of the nations of Russia and China, actually on the verge of what could even become thermonuclear war. The La-Rouche Organization, as well as co-thinking organizations such as the Schiller Institute and others, have tried their best to make the point that that dialogue process among Russia, the United States, China, and other nations, is essential to our nation.

It is exactly from the standpoint of looking at that international responsibility that we view the process that is about to occur down in Washington, D.C. We have viewed the process not merely of the elections, but the ability to discuss policy in this way....

More than 1,000 witnesses filed affidavits and testified in the six states of Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nevada, and Arizona. One hundred twenty-six Congressmen of the United States, 17 state Attorneys General argued in various ways, or weighed in, in various ways on various cases, including a case that came from Texas, which was arguing that if there was fraud in any part of the United States, it was then therefore the business of the entire United States and every U.S. citizen within the United States. The Supreme Court refused to hear the evidence in most of the cases that were brought, and the shift has therefore, constitutionally, gone to the Congress on January 6th, which is in four days. Hundreds if not thousands of Americans, stepped forward because they recognized that the nation, not the election, was at stake.

Georgia State Senator William Ligon: I'm William Ligon, and I serve in the Georgia State Senate. I have been chairing the Subcommittee of the Judiciary on the Election. We have been looking into the issues dealing with this Presidential election that we just held in November. I've served in the Georgia Legislature for ten years; I have never ever received the volume of calls and letters and emails from voters in this state, from people really all over the country, expressing their concerns. But not only their concern, their outrage at what has occurred.

When they're told, "There was no fraud; this was a



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William Ligon, Georgia State Senator.

fair election," they are being asked to believe something which is completely contrary to what they have seen with their eyes, heard with their ears, or which they have experienced at the polls. We've had poll watchers locked out of the voting place, or where the votes are being counted. They have been denied meaningful access to see what is going on. There has been hostility expressed towards them or demonstrated to them. And some of them, when they've raised objections, have been escorted out of the voting place by the police. That is simply wrong! We can't have that in this country, we can't have that in this state....

The confidence of the public, or at least in Republicans, in the election results in Georgia, and I believe in the nation, is shaken. I think one of the cornerstones of having our republic is that confidence. And that, I believe, is reflected in the nature of our laws here in Georgia on what is required to question the results of an election. You can either show misconduct on the part of officials, or an irregularity, or fraud, which places the election in doubt. It seems as if our election officials here are just saying, "We have to have definitive proof of a fraud here in order to set this election aside, or to go into a process of selecting new electors." That's just not the case. If there are irregularities which will place that in doubt, then you can do that. And I believe that we have shown that through our hearings that we've held here in Georgia....

[Sen. Ligon reviewed the widely publicized irregularities in the Georgia election, then continued:]

Under our law, if there is such an irregularity or misconduct on the part of officials, which places the result of that election in doubt, the election can be set aside....



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Bridget Thorne, Polling Precinct Manager, and Dominion Poll Tech, Fulton County, Georgia.

My point is, what you saw was a breach of the law, and the election is in doubt, and we should now go back in and revisit this in the legislature. When you see some of our senior elected officials stand up and say, "There's no evidence of fraud," they're not telling you the whole story. There's evidence of misconduct; there's evidence of irregularity. We have photographs of boxes of ballots that don't have the proper seal. There's no chain of custody for many of these boxes of ballots. That right there, in and of itself, brings it into question....

In regard to correcting the November election, the legislature should have convened and should have looked into this to determine [if] there were sufficient irregularities or misconduct or fraud in the process to place the results of this election in doubt. And if that were to be found—which I believe it would—then the legislature would have the obligation to select new electors for this election. And we have the absolute right to do that under Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution. It states that it is the state legislature that should do this

Also speaking were **Rolf Lindgren**, a member of the Executive Committee of the Republican Party in Dane County Wisconsin; **Bridget Thorne**, a Dominion Poll Tech, with nine years' experience as a Polling Precinct Manager in Fulton County Georgia; and **Gregory Stenstrom**, a Republican election observer in Delaware County Pennsylvania.

**Leah Hoopes** (Trump elector from Pennsylvania and President of the Pennsylvania Voter Alliance): Thank you so much for having me.... It's an honor to be part of a diverse group of great minds. Even despite our



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Gregory Stenstrom, Election Observer, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

differences politically, we've all agreed that integrity and courage to challenge our government and transparency are the answers to what currently ails our country and the world. With open discussion such as this, that displays a concerted effort to achieve domestic tranquility and liberty for each and every one of us.

I'm thankful to people such as Lyndon and Helga LaRouche, who, despite their own reservations and fear of exposing the truth, have carried on anyway to seek and find solutions for the betterment of mankind. La-Rouche was a pioneer and well before his time, and I fully believe he and our President would have been really allies. They have many similarities when it comes to policies and ideas. Despite the demonization of their views, they still pushed forward anyway. Lyndon La-Rouche, like President Trump, shares views with Lincoln and our forefathers. In fact, Lincoln's economic advisor, Henry Carey, states "There are two systems before the world. One looks to pauperism, ignorance, depopulation, and barbarism, while the other increases wealth, comfort, intelligence, and a combination of action and civilization..."

In order for the United States to raise the value in the world, we must first raise the value in our own country. Right now, our government is removing the ability for us to self-govern and is inundating the populace with information and not knowledge, starting with our school systems, which are basically bureaucratic institutions that generate radicalized foot soldiers, in my opinion. They've completely removed the idea of civil discourse and civic education. As a matter of fact, 31 states only have a one-year requirement, 10 states have a half a year, and then 9 states have no requirement



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Leah Hoopes, President, Pennsylvania Voter Alliance, and Pennsylvania Trump Elector.

whatsoever, for civic education.

I really wholeheartedly feel that there needs to be mandatory civic education, kindergarten through 12th grade, in our public schools. That's really where we start with informing the populace of just how beautiful the experiment of the United States truly is. What better way to destroy a country than to attack the youth? It's much like Hitler did: Make them believe that the freedoms and opportunities that they have are false, and place others at a disadvantage, which is obviously quite the contrary.

The world is watching and waiting for us to do the right thing, and for many American citizens, they are waiting for the government to do the right thing and to save us. Let me be the first to tell you, we must save ourselves and fight to keep our republic. We have forgotten that we have the power, and that the government was created to protect our rights. That we the citizens are to restrain the government and not the government to restrain the citizens. We've accepted the belief that we do not have the right to self-govern, when in fact, the Constitution of the United States says otherwise.

It's important to recite the Preamble of the Constitution, which starts with "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the General Welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish the Constitution of the United States of America." It's a very profound statement.

We are an experiment that was developed by the people, with a checks and balances system. And we're actually seeing it come to fruition right now during this election—these checks and balances systems and these constitutional pathways that we have. It's not just that we have an election. There are other avenues if there are issues with the irregularities and election fraud and voter fraud and what have you.

I was honored to be asked by the Trump campaign to be an elector. I proudly cast my vote for President Trump and Vice President Pence. Right now, Pence has the constitutional power to choose those electors, and he will have many in Congress to back his decision. And if he chooses not to use that power and authority, there are obviously still constitutional pathways to make that decision, and it needs to be done.

I've spent an immense amount of time informing myself about our government, constitutional law, and have remained very vigilant in the fight for integrity and transparency. I'm really self-taught, and there's beauty in that, because at any point a citizen can become informed and has the right to that knowledge, and they can become involved and they can truly make a difference. But the main goal, for us, is to empower others to do the same and recognize that freedom is not free at all, that we are a republic, and we have a responsibility. We, the citizens, have a responsibility to stay informed, become informed, and to stay active, to keep our republic, just like Benjamin Franklin spoke of.

And that really brings me to the activism and involvement that I have at this juncture right now. Eighteen months ago, becoming a committeewoman, I never thought I would get to this point. It's been a whirlwind, and I hope one day to write down everything that has transpired. But it's possible: It's possible because I am a United States citizen. I want people to understand that once you become informed, and you obtain knowledge, that you become a force to be reckoned with. It's very hard for a government, or any entity, really, to pull the wool over your eyes, and tell you that there's nothing to see here.

This is a constant statement that's made in the news media and on social media—you know—"We need to move on," and "there's no fraud," and so on and so forth. It's propaganda that thousands of people who have signed affidavits are just crazy tinfoil hat wearers. It's absurd to me! Not surprising—not surprising whatsoever....

Who can pull this off? It's easy, there's a combination of many things. You have a rogue judicial branch that is really kind of doing an "olé" to these cases and not allowing evidence to be presented—I mean, true evidence—to be presented to the public, of what has

happened in the 2020 general election. Money is a motivating factor; you want to talk about these centralized banks, and that money just has everything to do with what we're seeing. People are paid off, on both sides, and that's not an opinion. That is fact. We have people in our government who are supposed to be protecting our rights who are not doing their job, and they're not representing the people.

We talk about this sovereignty of states, but for me, I think it's important that we talk about the sovereignty of the people, and creating the alliances, like these voter alliances, or committees. It doesn't need to be done with millions of dollars. You can make phone calls; you can call your representative; you can reach out to organizations like the Thomas More Society or the Schiller Institute. There are people who are willing to help you to develop these committees and give you resources.

You can sit down with five of your friends at a coffee table and put your minds together. That's really all it is, it's not rocket science, what we have accomplished. I would like to think, I take a chip off the old block of President Trump, and even Lyndon LaRouche, that despite the hate, despite the demonization, despite the fear, we have pushed through and will talk about the truth despite everything that they're saying, trying to pull the wool over our eyes....

It's just simple things like this, where you can connect the dots. If you have common sense, you can connect those dots! There are people who are willing to help you connect those dots. And then you just need to have the courage to speak up, and inform everybody of these issues, and not allow for people to try to shut you up. I'm certainly not planning on shutting up any time soon. There's a lot in store for 2021. My goal is to inform the populace, to give people courage to speak up, to teach people how to research, to investigate, and to really push for election integrity. We would actually like to push that nationally, and hopefully, one day across the world, of what we accomplished.

I can't thank the Schiller Institute enough for allowing me to have a voice. I'm really hopeful that platforms such as this will continue to move forward. We're going to have to really fight for election integrity, so that we can be an example for the rest of the world. And lastly, that we start holding people accountable on the left or the right, or even in the middle, of whoever was involved in conspiring to destroy our elections, and to allow fraud to transpire. Thank you very much.



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Russ Diamond, Pennsylvania State Representative.

## Pennsylvania State Representative Russ Diamond:

In Pennsylvania, I've mostly focussed on what I call "wholesale invitation to irregularities," which was all the things that the [Pennsylvania] Supreme Court, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Governor, and elections officials in certain counties undertook before this election happened.

I know there's a lot of talk out there about the *retail* end of irregularities—I don't use the term "fraud," because I think the term "irregularities" is better to use; irregularities, if you're talking about Dominion Vote switching, if you're talking about dead people voting, that sort of thing, all that wouldn't have happened, had we not had the wholesale invitation to irregularities that we had here in Pennsylvania.

In the last week or so, my neighboring legislator, Representative Frank Ryan, and another group of us, have tried to dig down into state data to compare ballots cast and counted by quantity, to the quantity of legal voters who voted. We have found [as outlined in his press release that, overall, there's a 200,000-voter shortage in relationship to total ballots cast; and 170,000 voter shortage in comparison to the total votes cast for President—170,830. (See **Figure 1**.) When you have a presidential race that's decided by 80,555 votes, officially, as certified, 170,000 votes are incredibly significant! It's twice the difference.

This is the first time that we as a legislature have focussed on the retail end of what happened before the election, and we've documented at least two dozen actions we—as members of the General Assembly—have taken, in order to address this, from filing lawsuits ourselves, and being turned away, to filing amicus briefs,

FIGURE 1

PA Lawmakers: Numbers Don't Add Up, Certification of Presidential Results Premature and In Error

|             | Total Ballots Cast<br>(County Data)                   | Total Votes Counted<br>in Presidential Race<br>(County Data) | SURE System Total<br>Voters Who Voted<br>11/3/2020 (SURE Data) |
|-------------|---|--|--|
| County Data | 6,962,607   | 6,931,060  | 6,760,230  |
| SURE Data   | -6,760,230  | -6,760,230   |  |
|             | 202,377<br>more ballots cost than<br>voters who voted | more ballots cast than<br>voters who voted                   |  |

Note: Three small rural counties have not fully posted results online and their results were included as reported.

From Rep. Russ Diamond's Press Release: 12/28/20.

whether it's the *Kelly* case in the U.S. Supreme Court, the *Texas v. Pennsylvania* case in the Supreme Court; other cases that we filed amicus briefs on; we have written letters, we have a letter from 59 members of the House and 5 members of the Senate, begging Congress to object to Pennsylvania's slate of electors. And that was signed by six members of the House Republican leadership team here in Pennsylvania.

I sent then another message today, and I asked, were you serious about that? Because if you're serious about that, then the only thing that we can do next, is exercise our plenary power, under the U.S. Constitution, to reclaim authority over elections, to appoint electors for President and Vice President, and decertify the slate of electors who have been ostensibly sent to Washington, according to our Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Governor.

There was a point in time where I believed that we would find enough retail irregularities in Pennsylvania's election process, that we could actually go ahead and name Trump electors and appoint them and send them to Washington. We have not come to that point.

However, we have come to the point in Pennsylvania, where I can tell you with all sincere honesty, I have no idea who won, because we cannot match up the ballots cast to the numbers of voters who voted.

This is like a checkbook: You cannot have more ballots cast than you had legal voters voting. And you need to have a snapshot—a static snapshot—of a database of voters who were legal on November 3rd, who actually showed up at the polls, mailed in a ballot, dated an absentee ballot, or voted provisionally, and had those ballots counted, and you need to check them off, just like a

checkbook: You got to reconcile that. There has been *no* reconciliation. And what we've found is the closest thing we have to a reconciliation in Pennsylvania is our Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors, which is also called the SURE system, when those are the numbers where we got that 170,000 deficit.

What is apparent to me, is that there is not in existence, a static snapshot of all the legal voters on November 3rd. That is very problematic, because it means we can't reconcile our checkbook....

I have one, specifically troubling precinct in my district, where there were 50—fifty—more votes counted than voters voting. I'm going to my local board of elections, and I'm going to try to sort that out. I especially picked that particular precinct, because on Election Day, I got at least three phone calls from concerned citizens, who told me that there was somebody working the polls that day, who allowed people to cast their ballot, who did not appear in the poll book....

We are meeting on January 5 to be sworn in, and I'm hoping that we can get a floor vote on January 5th after we've been sworn in, so that we can in fact, take that vote.

That's where we're at in Pennsylvania. That has been my mission for the last few weeks. I have a resolution ready to go; I'm not sure we even need a written resolution. I believe we may be able to just get up and make a motion to decertify the electors, take a vote, and be done with it: Transmit that to Congress, the Vice President, the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and say, "We have spoken, and we are done with this issue."