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Doug Logan, CEO of Cyber Ninjas, statement on bias clamor

SARASOTA, FL (April 6, 2021) — Below is Cyber Ninja CEO Doug Logan's response to the spurious clamor over bias insinuations:

"Recently there have been several articles claiming I am biased, and therefore unfit to run the lead company involved in the audit of Maricopa County. These need to be answered to give the American people confidence in this audit. Because this is not about me or anyone else involved, and it is not about a media narrative, but about the systemic, transparent method we have created to ensure Arizonan and American confidence in the election process and results.

"My company, Cyber Ninjas, is a cyber security company. We are regularly hired by major companies and organizations to determine possible ways their systems could be infiltrated and compromised, and then help them figure out how to seal those holes. The formal discipline associated with that is called "Threat Modeling," and we've performed threat modeling assessments on things as small as a single application, and as large as an entire organization. I've personally done Threat Modeling for fortune 100 companies such as JPMorgan Chase, and Cyber Ninjas has done threat modeling on an entire federal agency. We are told that our work is useful in helping guide decisions for years to come.

"This election process confused and frustrated many Americans. It was hard to know what to believe. Audits and dismissed court challenges often left as many questions as answers. When I was approached about submitting a proposal for this audit, I knew full well that this would mean I'd come under attack and that my business might be damaged by those attacks. Some business owners I know told me it was foolish to get involved. But I kept thinking, how long will our democratic republic survive when polls have found up to half of the American people think an election was rigged? So I sat down and wrote up a comprehensive audit plan based on threat modeling principles.

“Once we had the high-level plan, we needed companies with the skills and experience for us to conduct this work to refine that plan. This led us to Wake TSI, Cyfir, and the canvassing team. To me, the most important element was the hand-counting, because if that was done right and transparently, it alone could restore some confidence in our election. I told Wake TSI we needed a process that was beyond reproach, designed so that it was difficult for there to even be the perception of wrong-doing. I wanted people to be able to validate everything we did, every step of the way; and that there was no way that a single person could manipulate the results, and even if a group colluded there would be the overt evidence to catch it.

“For this reason we decided against counting with machines, because who could say we didn't alter our machines? We also decided against counting only a sample of ballots, because who could say the sample wasn't rigged? And we decided there would be a camera livestreaming everything in the room at all times. We even requested the ballots be visible and readable from a livestream as they were counted, but a judge ruled that we couldn't show the ballots publicly. However, we will still capture that footage for accountability reasons. Finally, we chose to use only residents of Maricopa County to count the ballots, not anyone on the team. Even with the Maricopa County resident counters, no ballots are counted by just one person, but by groups of three. At no point will an employee of Cyber Ninjas ever touch a ballot, and we will be revealing more details on our procedures as we get closer to the actual audit.

“The comprehensive nature of what we put together, the experience of our team, and our focus on transparency, is why we won this work. Our process is designed in such a way that no one could influence the outcome of the count if they wanted to. Any attempt will be captured with clear evidence. The big question should not be, ‘Am I biased,’ but ‘Will this audit be transparent, truthful and accurate?’ The answer to the latter question is a resounding ‘Yes.’”