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What About Vote Fraud in 2006?

OLYMPIA—While disgraced Attorney General John McKay claims he investigated vote fraud during the controversial and razor close 2004 gubernatorial election, and “left no stone unturned” in the process, he left many stones unturned in investigating fraud in the 2006 election.

In October 2006, the Secretary of State and King County election officials discovered evidence that the union-backed group ACORN submitted hundreds of forged voter registration cards. According to documents obtained by BIAW via a public records request, King County election officials and the Secretary of State’s office knew the cards were forged and pleaded for vote fraud prosecution back in October 2006.

ACORN has been investigated and prosecuted in other states by U.S. Attorneys for vote fraud—but John McKay, the U.S. Attorney in Western Washington, did nothing.

“Why didn’t John McKay take action on the voter registration fraud that occurred in 2006?” asked BIAW Executive Vice President Tom McCabe. “If he left no stone unturned in 2004, why didn’t he do the same in 2006?” said McCabe. “BIAW predicted ACORN had submitted forged registrations last fall, based on the pattern the group has exhibited in other states,” he said. “A little bit of legwork and BIAW was able to obtain the proof of fraud—if BIAW can figure it out, why couldn’t John McKay?”

“McKay’s performance, or lack thereof, on the vote fraud that occurred in 2006 leads one to wonder just how thorough his ‘investigation’ was in 2004,” said McCabe. “In leaving no stone unturned, McKay and his investigators never bothered to contact the police officer and handwriting expert, regarded as one of the top forgery experts in the nation, who analyzed signatures on 2004 ballots and concluded many appeared to be forgeries,” he said. “Seemingly, if McKay ‘left no stone unturned’, he would have at least contacted a highly regarded law enforcement officer who identified potential forgeries.”

Known as the “voice of the housing industry,” the Building Industry Association of Washington is the largest trade association in Washington State, representing over 350,000 families and 12,700 member companies involved in the homebuilding business.