My Name is Heider Garcia. I am the Elections Administrator in Tarrant County, Texas, and have been in this position since February of 2018. I was the Elections Manager in Placer County California between April 2016 and January 2018. Prior to my work in the public sector, I worked for 13 years in the private sector with a voting technology and services company called Smartmatic; during that time, I worked in several election projects in different locations around the world, including Venezuela, Curacao, and The Philippines, to name a few. I am Computer Science Engineer with a certification in Project Management (PMP) and a Certification in Elections Administration (CERA). I have been married for 11 years, and have 2 children, a 6-year-old, and an 8-year-old.

Tarrant County has been for a long time a Republican majority county, and 2020 was no exception. On the evening of November 3, 2020, we announced Election Night results around midnight, and at that time, without late absentees and provisional ballots included, Donald Trump was winning by 2,168 votes. Fast forward 15 days, to the day official results that were canvassed. Even though countywide races down the ballot were all won by republican candidates with margins between 4 and 10%, the Presidential race went for Joe Biden by 0.22% (1,826 votes out of 838,968). That 0.5% variation is within the error margin of any poll or statistical analysis. So, with a set of results that was virtually identical to the election night report, we had gone from no questioning, no threats and no doubt to distrust, discord, and concerns for personal safety.

So, what happened in those 15 days? Sidney Powell and Rudy Giuliani made baseless accusations of voter fraud and manipulation of election results. In their statements the accused Smartmatic, one of my former employers, as one of the two main actors of “the steal”, and from there the conspiracy theories about Tarrant County just spiraled out of control. But it was not indirect references, it was also direct accusations from Ms. Powell herself:

- On the Lou Dobbs show\(^1\) she stated “...we know that one of the Smartmatic people went to Tarrant County, Texas and turned that county blue”
- On Twitter she posted\(^2\) “Gee whiz! I wonder how #TarrantCounty Texas went #blue so easily after hiring a #Smartmatic guy?!”, with a picture of me included.
- On a separate post on Twitter\(^3\), she stated “And #Tarrant County just went #blue?! What a coincidence! #ImpoundTheMachines #DominionVotingSystems #Smartmatic What could possibly go wrong with company called #Dominion?”

This campaign went beyond her, other personalities also referred to Tarrant County and me:

- Michelle Malkin did a segment in Newsmax about Tarrant County and went as far as to claim that I was a “Venezuelan born operative” that had fled the country\(^4\).
- The Gateway Pundit website put out a piece pointing directly at me\(^5\) asking “Does ANYONE believe this actually happened?”

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\(^1\) See video attachment “Sidney Powell – Lou Dobbs show”
\(^2\) See image of tweet attached “Sidney Powell – Tarrant County”
\(^3\) See image of tweet attached “Sidney Powell – Tarrant County 2”
\(^4\) See video attached “Michelle Malkin – Heider fled the country”
Texas State Representative Steve Toth tweeted⁶ “Meet Heider Garcia of SmartMatic as he’s grilled in the Philippines over voter fraud. He now runs election in Tarrant County Texas What could go possibly wrong?”

A Senatorial candidate in Florida tweeted⁷ first that “I want more intel on him ASAP” and later that “I need more on Heider Garcia”. What followed in the next 4 to 6 weeks was a terrible time of threats and concerns for the safety of my family, my staff and myself. I’ve included in this testimony screenshots of all the items I preserved from back then, and I can tell you this is just a sample, there were far more posts and messages than I can recall. As you can imagine, it was deeply concerning to read things like⁸ “HUNT HIM DOWN”, “@heidergarcia needs to leave Texas and the U.S as soon as possible”, “hang him when convicted from fraud and let his lifeless body hang in public until maggots drip out his mouth” or “What’s his address”. And if that sounds bad, the worse was yet to come.

On November 22, 2020, a twitter account posted my home address as a response to Sidney Powell’s tweet (I have redacted my address from the screenshot of the tweet ⁹ attached). We were lucky enough that my wife saw it as we were going to bed, and we were able to report it and have it taken down within 2 hours. Can you imagine the level of stress this put on us? I could not sleep that night, I just sat in the living room, until around 3:00 a.m., just waiting to see if anyone had read this and decided to act on it. The next days were the thanksgiving break, I spent those days installing security cameras around my house and preparing response plans with my wife for worse case scenarios.

All this information was turned over to the District Attorney’s office and the Tarrant County Sheriff. The Sherriff was fantastic at coordinating support and patrol around our neighborhood, and as far as I understand, providing the information to the Intelligence team to assess for credible threats. The DA’s office reviewed the messages and concluded that there were no elements there that constituted actual threats, and that there was no action that could be taken. To this day, not a single person or entity has been held accountable for the impact this whole situation had on my family and myself.

After all of this, where are we in June of 2022? Fraud theorists are still around, and the perceived threat level is still, in my opinion, high. We have received so many public records requests (FOIA, PRR, ORR, etc.) that we are asking our Commissioners Court to approve a new position for our department, so that we can have a full-time employee exclusively dedicated to preparing records for being released and addressing requests from the public. We have spent 18 months turning this office inside out, sharing public records, welcoming watchers, participating in public events, and providing answers to the public. Still, there are those who prefer to believe that “there has to be something wrong”. The main argument used for the last 18 months to promote election fraud theories in our county has been that “it makes no sense that republican voters would vote all red but not for Donald Trump”.

To conclude, I would like to make very specific recommendations to the committee:

1. Legislation should be passed that protects the addresses of elections officials around the country, much like judges and law enforcement officials in some states and for certain processes. While some

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⁶ See image of tweet attached “Rep. Steve Toth – Heider Garcia”
⁷ See image of tweet attached “Hyde for senate – Heider Garcia”
⁸ See images multiple named “Threat X”.
⁹ See image of tweet attached “Doxing”
may argue that our job exposes us in one way or another as public officials, it is not fair that our families are exposed and subject to threats.

2. **Legislation should be reviewed to ensure that violent language and threats can be treated as such by law enforcement.** I deeply believe in the first amendment, to the point that I have never removed or edited any comments made by these conspiracy theorists on the Tarrant County Elections Facebook page. While some of these very nasty comments are founded in misinformation, I am not the speech police and will always refuse to give anyone the power to determine what opinions are right and what opinions are wrong. But there is a difference between saying “Heider should be fired” and someone telling me “I think we should end your bloodline”.

3. **Legislation should be passed to make doxing an offense:** doxing has consequences and is becoming more and more a weapon of choice for intimidating and coercing public officials. It needs to end. Whether it’s a Washington Post reporter or a Supreme Court Justice, both sides of the aisle have claimed foul when doxing has been used on someone friendly to them. And sadly, both sides have ignored it when it’s used against someone who is not necessarily unfriendly, but surely not “on their side”. Please, protect us, don’t wait until it is too late for someone.

4. **Legislation should be passed to require organizations and individuals raising money to prove election fraud to disclose their finances:** let me be clear – I have no doubt that a some of these groups and individuals that promote these election fraud theories are benefiting financially from this. We now see more groups asking for donations, more “data experts” charging entry fees to their speaking engagements and more merchandising being promoted. I think these groups should be subject to the same levels of the transparency and scrutiny they expect from us.
Garcia we know where u live...

Can you imagine what it feels like to have your vote stolen? Heider responsible for Tarrant County Texas Supposedly Biden 49.31% President Trump 49.09% NO WAY @realDonaldTrump #StopTheSteal @CodeMonkeyZ
I need more on Heider Garcia. Who is Heider Garcia? To both Tarrant County and the United States Elections.

Who is Heider Garcia? This mofo fucked with our elections! I want more intel on him ASAP please. tarrantcounty.com/en/elections/m...
Stephen Harris @PatriotsRevnge Nov 29
Another guy in Texas, who was a dominion operative ran the election in a 64 year red county and turned it blue. He’s missing, too!!!

Emma Right @emmbeliever
Wow! CIA & FBI could maybe involved! Eric Cumer disappeared! Dominion has fled! Server is secured. 20 million votes to Trump removed.
youtu.be/F5vndAmMqAM
youtube.com/watch?v=f5vndA...

Stephen Harris
@PatriotsRevnge
Heider Garcia, Tarrant County, Texas Election Administrator, Also a Dominion Operator is missing, too! He turned that County Blue after 64 years of being RED! HUNT HIM DOWN! Once these two speak, they will expose EVERYTHING to keep from frying! Democrats will take them out if we

1:29pm · 29 Nov 2020 · Twitter for iPad
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MARCOS: “SOME VOTING MACHINES ARE DESIGNED TO CHEAT ELECTIONS”

4:04 CT

INDICATIONS’ ISRAEL KILLED SCIENTIST . . . NORTH KOREA’S KIM EXECUTED 2. LOCKS

FOUR NAMES YOU NEED TO KNOW

ACCORDING TO SIDNEY POWELL

› JORGE RODRIGUEZ: FORMER MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR VENEZUELA
› KHALIL MAJID MAJZOUB: RODRIGUEZ FRONTMAN
› GUSTAVO REYES-ZUMETA - PROGRAMMER
› ANTONIO MUGICA - SMARTMATIC CEO
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Conroe, TX  SteveTothForTexas.com

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Meet Heider Garcia of SmartMatic as he's grilled in the Philippines over voter fraud. He now runs election in Tarrant County Texas

What could possibly go wrong?

#DominionVotingSystems
#ElectionFraud
#Dominion
#AuditTheVote
#SocialismKills

tarrantcounty.com/en/elections/m...
And #TarrantCounty just went #blue?!
What a coincidence!
#ImpoundTheMachines
#DominionVotingSystems
#Smartmatic
What could possibly go wrong with company called #Dominion?
@realDonaldTrump
@EricTrump
@LaraLeaTrump
@LLinWood
@abigailcfrye

Michelle Malkin 📰 @michellemalkin
"Sons of bitches!" Former Smartmatic official Heider Garcia (who is now Tarrant County TX elections head!) was cursed out at a Senate committee hearing over VCM failures. Glenn Chong’s investigation led to 10 yrs of ongoing congressional probes. #ExposeSmartmatic
#ExposeDominion
Gee whiz! I wonder how #TarrantCounty Texas went #blue so easily after hiring a #Smartmatic guy?! thegatewaypundit.com/2020/11/texas-... What do you think @LLinWood?
@realDonaldTrump
@GenFlynn
@MariaBartiromo
@jbinnall
#EvidenceMatters

⚠️ This claim about election fraud is disputed

Texas County Goes Blue for the First Time Since 1964 After Hiring former E...
This year Tarrant County turned blue for the first time since the 1960s. Heider Garcia is the Tarrant County Elections Administrator. He was hired in... thegatewaypundit.com
#HeiderGarcia I’m watching you

9:46pm · 8 Dec 2020 · Twitter for iPhone
The Gateway...
10 hrs ago • 201k views
Texas County Goes Blue for the First Time Since 1964 After Hiring former Executive with Smartmatic as Elections Administrator

Heider Garcia
Elections Administrator
Election staff since 2018

Mazey Patriot @Memelw123
9 hrs ago
Somebody in his county should check on his current whereabouts. All the Dominion/Smartmatic criminals are running scared.

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Texas County Goes Blue for the First Time Since 1964 After Hiring former Executive with Smartmatic as Elections Administrator

Heider Garcia
Elections Administrator
Election staff since 2018

Shark @Slinkey
3 hrs ago
You mean he is not hiding? Has someone checked?
Comment by @PTownBuddy

The Gateway...

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Heider Garcia
Elections Administrator

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thegatewaypundit.com 10h

BuddyB @PTownBuddy

4 hrs ago •

What's his address.

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thewestwing.com 10h

Fnyack @Fnyack
5 hrs ago
Go find this guy, he needs some new teeth.

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Lawton Darren Po... @LDPowers86
6 hrs ago

Mother Fucker needs a traditional Irish Dirt Nap!

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Mrbass1986 @Mrbass1986
6 hrs ago •

hang him high when convicted for fraud, and let his lifeless body hang in public till maggots drip out his mouth!

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Get out of my country, we know who you are and life isn't going to be good for you here.

Just trying warn you for your safety
https://thedonald.win/p/11QRotvcBm/tarrant-co-tx-turned-blue-for-th/c/

If you reply, Erik Hastings will also be able to call you and see info like your Active Status and when you've seen messages.

DELETE  BLOCK
How is it going fixing company. Do you enjoy switching people's votes? Denying them opportunity and freedom?

Do you enjoy destroying country's like Venezuela and inserting dictators like Maduro?

I want to fight you so bad, we need to get face to face, commie motherfucker.

I want to smash your face for the people of Venezuela and America. I train MMA 3 times a week, report me, I will rule my jail, not going to forget you though.

This is 2020 and you are going down, Communist piece of shit.

You are in the wrong country bitch, I am a multi-generational

If you reply, Erik Hastings will also be able to call you and see info like your Active Status and when you've seen messages.
Just trying to keep you safe
https://thedonald.win/p/11QRotvCBm/tarrant-co-tx-turned-blue-for-th/c/

God bless you, be safe.

1776 motherfucker!

We are getting Donald Trump and you are getting a trial for treason

Consider yourself under Citizens Arrest

Your 3rd world shit isn't flying here dirtbag

How is it working for an election fixing company? Do you enjoy switching people's votes? Denying them opportunity and freedom?
This is 2020 and you are going down, Communist piece of shit.

You are in the wrong country bitch, I am a multi generational American, Hatfield's McCoys, John Harding, you know the wild west, trust me, I have more native American blood than Elizabeth Warren. I am pretty sure you are fucked.

Stupid motherfucker.

I dare you to say something to me.

Coward.

You are going down you commie
You are going down you commie fuck.

We don't care what you think you own, this is our country you commie fuck

Sleep tight, I would start packing now if I were you

I think we should end your bloodline

Traitor bitch.

Think I am scared of a little dick mexican, I grew up in San Antonio essay. Given the opportunity, I am going to rock you traitor motherfucker. You better pray for your life.
We don't care what you think you own, this is our country you commie fuck

Sleep tight, I would start packing now if I were you

I think we should end your bloodline

Traitor bitch.

Think I am scared of a little dick mexican, I grew up in San Antonio essay. Given the opportunity, I am going to rock you traitor motherfucker. You better pray for prison.

Stupid motherfucker, call the fbi, call whoever the fuck you need to, traitors to this country die.