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April 11, 2017

Ms. Brittany Wheeler
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Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Receipt is acknowledged of your correspondence objecting to the nominating petitions for Monmouth County Freeholder Candidates Lillian Burry and Pat Imprevuduto, dated April 7, 2017. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:13-11, the Office of the County Clerk has reviewed each of your objection against the subject nominating petitions and the voting records on file. For the reasons set forth herein, the Office of the County Clerk has determined that your objections lack merit and are rejected. The following is a statement of reasons in support of my findings.

Factual Background:

On April 3, 2017 Freeholder Candidates Lillian Burry and Pat Imprevuduto submitted 4 joint petitions containing a total of 235 signatures. In addition, 2 pieces of paper containing 19 signatures were submitted, but they were not attached to any of the joint petitions.

On April 7, 2017, you submitted to me a letter containing objections to the Burry/Imprevuduto petitions for three reasons. First, you object to the petitions on the grounds that the circulator affidavits are invalid because you saw more than 4 circulators at the Monmouth County Republican Convention collecting petition signatures. Second, you object to the two pages of unverified signatures that were not accompanied by a circulator affidavit. Third, you object to 6 specific endorsements on the petition circulated by Richard Wallace for a variety of reasons. Each objection is addressed below.

Allegation of Invalid Circulator Affidavits:

You state in your objection that the petitions should be rejected because you believe that the signatures were collected at the Monmouth County Republican Convention, and that there were additional circulators collecting petition signatures at that time. First, you have presented no competent evidence with respect to this statement.

There are no sworn affidavits upon which this statement is premised. Second, whether or not there were other circulators present does not mean that those circulators were collecting petition signatures for candidates Burry and Impreveduto. Third, these alleged other circulators did not submit petitions, so this office is unable to review them and make a determination as to their validity. As such, there is no reason to believe that the circulators who submitted the petitions did not actually circulate them.

Since you have failed to submit any evidence that the circulator affidavits are indeed falsified, this objection is rejected as being invalid.

Allegation of Unverified Signatures:

I have also reviewed the alleged unverified signatures set forth at Exhibit "A" of your objection and have determined that these 19 signatures will be rejected because they are not attached to any circulator affidavit.

Allegation of Invalid Signatures:

My office has conducted a review of the 6 endorsers contained on the petition circulated by Richard Wallace and have compared the information to the information on file in the Statewide Voter Registration System. Your specific objections and the findings of this office are listed in the table below.

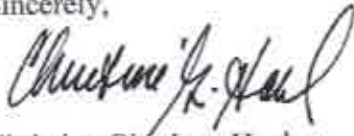
Richard	Wallace	Circulator				
First	Last	Address	City	Zip	Reason	Findings
Barbara	Vitali	38 Greenwood	Freehold	07728	N/R	Registered
Jessica	R	100 th Seventh St.	Hazlet	07734	N/R	Registered – Jessica Rohr
Thomas	Nicol	1101 Shore Dr	Brielle	08730	Signature	Signature Match
Michael	Voilmuth	12 Dove Court	Tinton Falls	07712	Signature	Signature Match
Theresa	Trentacosta				Address	Registered – 12 Dover Court, Tinton Falls
Richard	Peovo	70 Madison	Red Bank	07701	N/R	Registered – Richard Stout

The 4 individuals you contend are not registered voters are, in fact, listed as registered voters in the Statewide Voter Registration System. The two individuals who are challenged due to invalid signatures are also valid. This office compared these signatures to the signatures on file with the Statewide Voter Registration System and concluded that the signatures on the petition match the signatures on file.

Accordingly, the objection as to these 6 individuals is rejected. Should you believe the decision outlined above is incorrect, you may appeal to a Superior Court for

the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:13-12 on or before the 12th day after the last day for filing the petitions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine G. Hanlon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

Christine Giordano Hanlon
Monmouth County Clerk