

AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

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COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I Suraj Patel (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

Suraj Patel

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Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 18 day of July, 2024.

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INITIATIVE PETITION

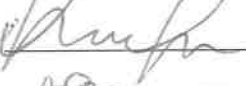
To the Municipal Clerk and the City Council of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, under the power of initiative granted to voters of the City of New Brunswick by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, hereby propose the Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof. If this Ordinance is not passed by the City of New Brunswick within the time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184 et seq., the undersigned voters demand that the same be submitted to the electorate for a vote in the next general election in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69 A-192b., with the question to be put to the voters in this manner:

QUESTION: Shall all individuals, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, who are sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, be eligible to register to vote and, if so registered, be eligible to vote in any Local Election?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

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	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
1.		Dillon Retmeyer	272 Hamilton St. Apt 112
2.		Shannon Eskola	272 Hamilton St. Apt. 112
3.		Michelle Montenegro	272 Hamilton Apt 100
4.		Felix To	1017 Poywood Court
5.		Alexander Vargas	57 Jones Ave

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7.		ALEXANDER LEWIS	57 Jones Ave
8.		Juan Rueda Lopez	90 Phelps AVE
9.		AYORINDE AINA	90A PHELPS AVE.
10.		David Pressler	21 Dewey Drive
11.		NISHAD DATTA	46 ELLEN ST
12.		Daniel Gilmartin	1050 George St Apt 12F
13.		Chris Mayer	50 Robinson street apt 1
14.		Fiona Duggan	1 Lorain ST
15.		Angel Valdez	196 Rutgers St.
16.		Matthew Casey	156 EASTON AVE.
17.		Angel Nune	207 Paul Robeson Blvd.
18.		Elvis Nicolas Gaspar	199 Fulton Street
19.		Shiva Pothuri	118 Paul Robeson Blvd.
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22.		Edilberto Rodriguez	78 Welton St
23.		Yanini Vargas	248 Glendale St
24.		102 Peter TL	33 Paul Robeson Blvd Apt 9/24
25.		Gabriel Kha	122 Golden Street / 9 Hands 2H
26.		Kelvi Forsas	109 N. Ward St
27.		Don Edwin	197 George St, New Brunswick
28.		Mary Patricia Reiter	387 George St, Apt 3A, New
29.		Guillermo Pineiro	387 George St, Apt 3A
30.		MIA FARRER	1050 George St #16M
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Appendix A

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TITLE IX, ELECTIONS, CHAPTER 1, LOCAL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, in accordance with New Jersey Constitution, Art. IV, § VII, 11, the Home Rule Act, N.J.S.A. 40:42-4, and the Optional Municipal Charter Law which applies to the City of New Brunswick, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-30, the New Jersey State Legislature has authorized municipalities to use local power to deal with local needs. Further, both the Home Rule Act, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, and the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-30, grant to local government broad general powers to meet such needs in addition to powers specifically enumerated; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Brunswick (the "City") recognizes its authority to enact ordinances pertaining to Local Elections; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that noncitizens and young people have a stake in civic life and the governance of the communities where they reside, and as such should be eligible to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

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SECTION 1. Title IX, Elections, Section 1, Local Elections, of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of New Brunswick is amended and supplemented, to establish eligibility for residents the right to vote in New Brunswick Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status, as follows:

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§ 9:1-2 - LOCAL ELECTION VOTING ELIGIBILITY.

1. Every person, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who meets the following criteria is a qualified voter:

a. Is at least sixteen (16) years of age or will be at least sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election;

b. Has resided within the corporate limits of the City for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election; and

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- c. Is registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of this title.
2. Every qualified voter of the City is entitled to vote in all Local Elections and to participate in nominations, referendums, recalls, and other petitions authorized by this Title and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-3 - VOTER REGISTRATION.

1. All residents of the City who meet the voter qualifications set forth in § 9:1-2(1) shall be eligible to register to vote in Local Elections.
2. Any person residing in the City who is registered with the Middlesex County Board of Elections for Local Elections shall be deemed to be registered to vote in the respective Local Elections.

§ 9:1-4 - ELECTIONS CONDUCT.

1. The City Clerk of New Brunswick (the "City Clerk") shall conduct Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-5 - EARLY VOTING.

1. The City Clerk may conduct early voting for Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.
2. Notification and Education. Provided that the City Clerk adopts early voting, the City Clerk shall:
- a. Notify the public of the availability of any early voting period and provide information on the locations, days, hours, and mechanisms for early voting; and
 - b. Conduct voter education campaigns to inform eligible voters about the early voting process and encourage participation.

§ 9:1-6 - PROVISIONAL VOTING.

1. The City Clerk shall provide provisional voting for Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.
2. A person may cast a provisional ballot in Local Elections if a person who believes they are qualified to vote but whose name does not appear on the lists of qualified voters of the City or if the person's eligibility to register to vote and/or to vote is challenged.

§ 9:1-7 - MAIL-IN VOTING.

1. The City Clerk shall arrange for voting by mail-in ballot in accordance with Subtitle 17 of the Elections Statute, Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules, and shall notify the voters of this intention for each election.
2. Any qualified voter may vote by mail-in ballot in Local Elections.

§ 9:1-8 - ELECTION OF LOCAL OFFICEHOLDERS.

1. The City Clerk shall have the power to change Local Election dates, tie-breaking procedure, nomination of candidates, and write-in candidates in every respect not covered by the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-9 - VOTE COUNT AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS.

1. The City Clerk shall meet within two weeks after the local election, including any runoff election, to provide the certification of results. The persons having the number of votes required by this title for each elective office shall be declared elected.

§ 9:1-10 - RECALL ELECTIONS; SPECIAL ELECTIONS; ADVISORY REFERENDUMS.

1. The City Clerk shall have the power to conduct local recall elections, special elections, and advisory referendums in every respect not covered by the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-11 - LOCAL ELECTION APPEALS.

1. Right to Appeal

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a. If any person feels aggrieved by any action by the City Clerk violating this Title, provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter, such person may appeal to the Superior Court of Middlesex County.

§ 9:1-12 - VOTER ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION.

1. The New Brunswick City Council shall designate a municipal body, such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library, to notify residents are informed of their eligibility to vote in Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status. This notification shall be provided through:
 - a. Notice at all polling locations in bilingual plain language that residents residing in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, are eligible to vote, if so registered by the registration deadline, regardless of immigration status or citizenship.
 - b. The city of New Brunswick shall cause a copy of the bilingual plain language summary to be mailed to all residential postal addresses and to all residential property owners annually on January 1.
 - c. Bilingual Information sessions at community centers and other public venues such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library or City Hall.
 - d. Bilingual Announcements on the city's official website and social media platforms.
 - e. Collaborations with local organizations and schools to spread awareness.
2. The designated municipal body for notifying residents of their voter eligibility shall provide annual reports to the Municipal Council detailing the efforts and effectiveness of the voter eligibility notification program to be reported at the first city council meeting of every year.

SECTION 3. All City ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this amendment shall be deemed unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 6. Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of New Brunswick as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of New Brunswick in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

STATEMENT

This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

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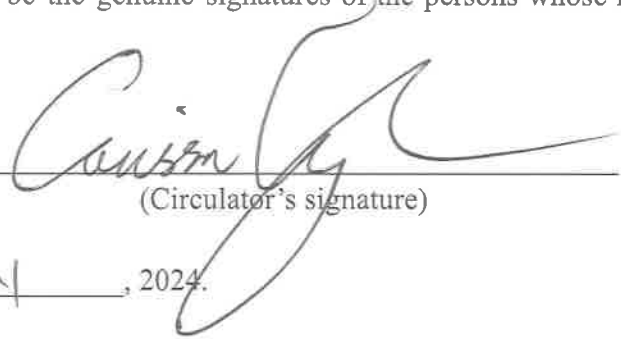
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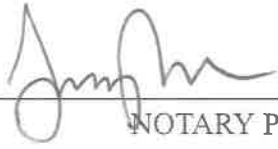
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Sworn to and subscribed
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MAHESH G. PATEL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
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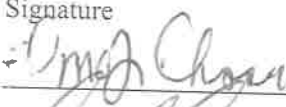
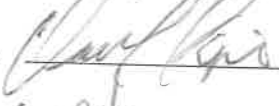
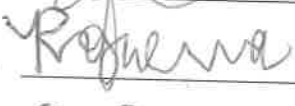
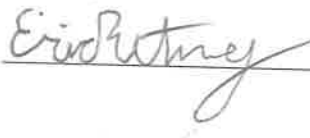
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2.		Ismael Lopez	47 Chester Circle NJ 08901
3.		Natasha Figueroa	61 Chester Circle NJ 08901
4.		Richard Guerra	60 Chester Circle NJ 08901
5.		Eric Putney	10 Landing Ln. Apt 1D NJ 08901

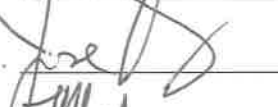
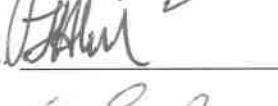
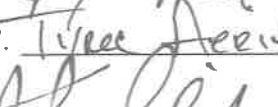
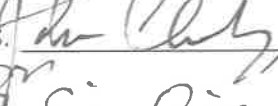
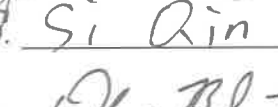
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6.  Amanda Dominguez 18 North Pennington Rd NB NJ 08901
7.  Mohammed Mohammed 74 So. Pennington Rd NB NJ 08901
8.  Ruben Madera 67 S Pennington Rd NB NJ 08901
9.  Nancy Moncrib 35 S. Pennington Rd NJ 08901
10.  Elvis Diaz 45 S Pennington Rd 08901
11.  JOSE DIAZ 18 STOKTON RD 08901
12.  Judith Alexander 6330 Pennington Rd NB NJ 08901
13.  Brianna Lechard 55 Wyckoff St. Apt. 1 New Brunswick, NJ 08901
14.  ISHAN GUNE 55 Wyckoff Apt 1, New Brunswick 08901, NJ
15.  Clarita Villar 10 Prospect St NB 08901
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18.  JOHN CLONSKY 100 HIRAM SQ #119 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ 08901
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23.	<i>R.S.</i>	Ruchi Shrivastava	100 Hiram Sq 08901
24.	<i>M.P.</i>	Modeline Peate	100 Hiram Sq, 08901
25.	<i>J.F.S.</i>	Juan Flores-Serrano	10 Dennis St. 08901
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STATEMENT

This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

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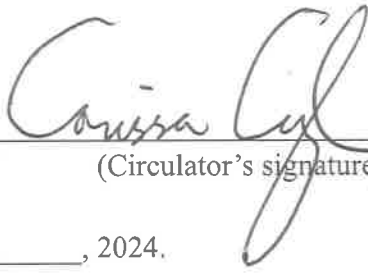
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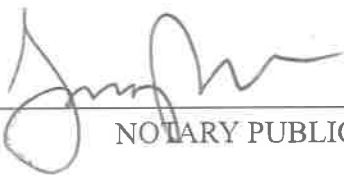
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I Carissa Cunningham (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.


(Circulator's signature)

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 16th day of July, 2024.


NOTARY PUBLIC

MAHESH G. PATEL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
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My Commission Expires Aug. 25, 2024

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INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Municipal Clerk and the City Council of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, under the power of initiative granted to voters of the City of New Brunswick by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, hereby propose the Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof. If this Ordinance is not passed by the City of New Brunswick within the time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184 et seq., the undersigned voters demand that the same be submitted to the electorate for a vote in the next general election in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69 A-192b., with the question to be put to the voters in this manner:

QUESTION: Shall all individuals, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, who are sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, be eligible to register to vote and, if so registered, be eligible to vote in any Local Election?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

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6.	<i>Joe Dixon</i>	Joe Dixon	33 Remsen Ave New Brunswick New Jersey
7.	<i>Ronald Peltier</i>	Ronald Peltier	960 Albany Ave New Jersey
8.	<i>Ly Purnum</i>	Tracy Robinson	32 Rte 100 Apt 08901
9.	<i>June Webb</i>	117 Redmond St	08901
10.	<i>Kiesha Blackwell</i>	Kiesha Blackwell	92 Remsen Ave 08901
11.	<i>John Mark Rhodes</i>	John Mark Rhodes	272 Hamilton St. Apt 21 08901
12.	<i>Emily Gill</i>	Emily Gill	272 Hamilton St. Apt. 21 08901
13.	<i>DANIEL CHIN</i>	DANIEL CHIN	272
14.	<i>Gabrielle Dildy</i>	Gabrielle Dildy	272 Hamilton St APT. 17 08901
15.	<i>Bernard Margalese</i>	Bernard Margalese	272 Hamilton St APT 50 08901
16.	<i>Estefania Cabral</i>	Estefania Cabral	272 Hamilton #32 08901 08901
17.	<i>Samuel Overwood</i>	Samuel Overwood	272 Hamilton #33 08901
18.	<i>Keegan Gross</i>	Keegan Gross	272 Hamilton #50 08901
19.	<i>Jarrell Johnson</i>	Jarrell Johnson	272 Hamilton St Apt 39 08901
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22.		Marilynn Stough	224 Hamilton St.
23.		Chad Cummings	224 Hamilton St.
24.		Carlie Trivers	228 Hamilton St
25.		Jonathan Trivers	228 Hamilton St
26.		JASON ANDERSON	82 Weller St NB
27.		Zoe Cruz	188 Cornstock St
28.		Phil Rome	1884 Corn wallace
29.		Barbara Grau	91 Jones Avenue
30.		Christina Best	42 Handy St. New Brunswick NJ 08901
31.		Julia Fierraro	32 Suydam NB
32.		Ashal Kumar	750 Phelps Ave NB, NJ 08901
33.		Colyn Thomas	750 Phelps Ave NB, NJ 08901
34.		Ivan Ayloada	55B Phelps ave 08901
35.		MARTHA ALVAREZ	930 Phelps Ave - NJ 08901
36.		CANNESSA EDWARDS	10 Paul Robeson Blvd NEW BRUNSWICK NJ 08901
37.		Nellie Anderson	33 rensen NJ 08901
38.		GREGORY T WILLIAMS	55 HARRIS ST. 08901
39.		Jennifer Conell	13 Huron Square NB NJ 08901
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Appendix A

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TITLE IX, ELECTIONS, CHAPTER 1, LOCAL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, in accordance with New Jersey Constitution, Art. IV, § VII, 11, the Home Rule Act, N.J.S.A. 40:42-4, and the Optional Municipal Charter Law which applies to the City of New Brunswick, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-30, the New Jersey State Legislature has authorized municipalities to use local power to deal with local needs. Further, both the Home Rule Act, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, and the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-30, grant to local government broad general powers to meet such needs in addition to powers specifically enumerated; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Brunswick (the "City") recognizes its authority to enact ordinances pertaining to Local Elections; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that noncitizens and young people have a stake in civic life and the governance of the communities where they reside, and as such should be eligible to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Note: Additions are shown in Bold and Underlined. Deletions are shown in Strikeouts.

SECTION 1. Title IX, Elections, Section 1, Local Elections, of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of New Brunswick is amended and supplemented, to establish eligibility for residents the right to vote in New Brunswick Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status, as follows:

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§ 9:1-1 - Local Elections.

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pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

: ss.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I Crissa Cunningham (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

Crissa Cunningham
(Circulator's signature)

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 19th day of July, 2024.

MAHESH G. PATEL
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2.		FRANCISCO	17 PENNINGTON RD NJ 08901
3.		Shamim A Patel	23 Pennington Rd NJ 08901
4.		Kathleen Loughran	9 Edgemoor Rd NJ 08901
5.		Carington Thomas	56 Pennington Rd New Brunswick NJ 08901

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6. <i>Nidig Stone</i>	Nidig Stone	61 Pennington NB NJ 08901
7. <i>Anyeli Balba</i>	Anyeli Balba	65 Pennington NJ 08901
8. <i>Elaine Martinez</i>	Elaine Martinez	67 Pennington NJ 08901
9. <i>Jennifer Carreras</i>	Jennifer Carreras	67 Pennington NJ 08901
10. <i>S. Abu-Bakar</i>	S. ABU-BAKARR	33 GOODALE CIR, NB NJ 08901
11. <i>Tim Schulz</i>	Tim Schulz	18 Goodale Circle, NB NJ 08901
12. <i>J. Rankins</i>	J. Rankins	16 Voorhees Road NB, NJ 08901
13. <i>Jessica Varela</i>	Jessica Varela	9 Voorhees Rd. NB, NJ 08901
14. <i>Martina Estevz</i>	Martina Estevz	54 Regency Manor 08901
15. <i>Casey Haxton</i>	Casey Haxton	New Brunswick, NJ
16. <i>Sasha Saezan</i>	Sasha Saezan	56 REGENCY BLVD, NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
17. <i>Mari Engelbrecht</i>	Mari Engelbrecht	58 Regency Manor Dr New Brunswick NJ 08901
18. <i>Natasia Valentin</i>	Natasia Valentin	60 Regency Manor Dr New Brunswick NJ 08901
19. <i>Johnny Gonzalez</i>	Johnny Gonzalez	60 Regency Manor Dr. New Brunswick NJ 08901
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	Delvin Nketin	45 Manor Cres NB NJ 08901
	Justin Chernofsky	31 Manor Cres NB NJ 08901
	Hugo Ceja	33 Manor Cres NB NJ 08901
	JERRON A KHAN	29 MANOR CRES NB NJ 08901
	Yessenia Bonilla	33-246 Somerset
	Rafael M. Duran	848 23rd & 4th
	EDIBERTO GIUSMAN	DURANTZ Carmen St. NB NJ 08901
	Carlos L Arias	Aragua 114 Manor Crescent Dr. NB NJ 08901
	Bethmanir matos	
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	Jennifer D. Domicwater	126 Manor Cres New Brunswick NJ 08901
	Matt Bello	140 Manor Cres New Brunswick NJ 08901
	Ricardo L. Lucardo	144 Manor Crescent, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
	Alexandria Harris	302 Suddam St Apt A New Brunswick, NJ 08901
	LARRY D. SIMPSON	79 Manor Crescent New Brunswick NJ 08901
	Dolores McBean	125 MANOR CRES New Brunswick NJ 08901
	SUNITA JAMES	159A MANOR CRES New Brunswick NJ 08901
	VICTORIA LOPEZ	8 FREEMAN ST, NEW BRUNSWICK NJ 08901
	Marlen Rodriguez	713 LIVINGSTON AV. NJ 08901

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Appendix A

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WHEREAS, the City of New Brunswick (the "City") recognizes its authority to enact ordinances pertaining to Local Elections; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that noncitizens and young people have a stake in civic life and the governance of the communities where they reside, and as such should be eligible to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Note: Additions are shown in red.

Section 9:1-1.1 Local Elections of the Revised General Ordinance
, regardless of citizenship status, as follows:

SECTION 2. Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections.

§ 9:1-1 - Local Elections.

§ 9:1-1.1 - DEFINITIONS

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4. Every person who is at least sixteen (16) years of age or will be at least sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election:

- c. Is registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of this title.
2. Every qualified voter of the City is entitled to vote in all Local Elections and to participate in nominations, referendums, recalls, and other petitions authorized by this Title and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-3 - VOTER REGISTRATION.

1. All residents of the City who meet the voter qualifications set forth in § 9:1-2(1) shall be eligible to register to vote in Local Elections.
2. Any person residing in the City who is registered with the Middlesex County Board of Elections for Local Elections shall be deemed to be registered to vote in the respective Local Elections.

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1. The City Clerk of New Brunswick (the "City Clerk") shall conduct Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

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2. Notification and Education. Provided that the City Clerk adopts early voting, the City Clerk shall:
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 - b. Conduct voter education campaigns to inform eligible voters about the early voting process and encourage participation.

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1. Right to Appeal

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a. If any person feels aggrieved by any action by the City Clerk violating this Title, provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter, such person may appeal to the Superior Court of Middlesex County.

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1. The New Brunswick City Council shall designate a municipal body, such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library, to notify residents are informed of their eligibility to vote in Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status. This notification shall be provided through:
 - a. Notice at all polling locations in bilingual plain language that residents residing in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, are eligible to vote, if so registered by the registration deadline, regardless of immigration status or citizenship.
 - b. The city of New Brunswick shall cause a copy of the bilingual plain language summary to be mailed to all residential postal addresses and to all residential property owners annually on January 1.
 - c. Bilingual Information sessions at community centers and other public venues such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library or City Hall.
 - d. Bilingual Announcements on the city's official website and social media platforms.
 - e. Collaborations with local organizations and schools to spread awareness.
2. The designated municipal body for notifying residents of their voter eligibility shall provide annual reports to the Municipal Council detailing the efforts and effectiveness of the voter eligibility notification program to be reported at the first city council meeting of every year.

SECTION 3. All City ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this amendment shall be deemed unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 6. Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of New Brunswick as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of New Brunswick in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

STATEMENT

This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

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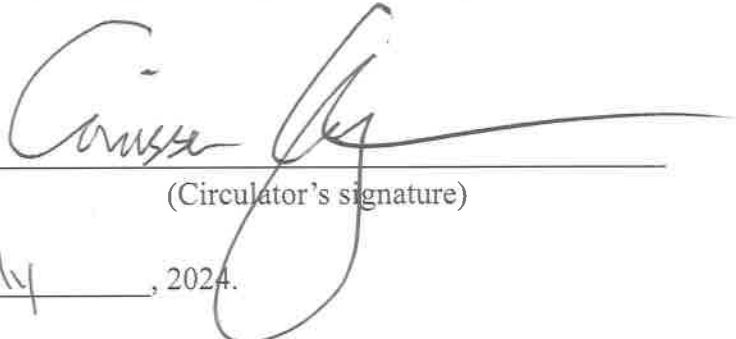
pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

: ss.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I Carissa Cunningham (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.


(Circulator's signature)

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 19th day of July, 2024.


NOTARY PUBLIC

MAHESH G. PATEL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
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My Commission Expires Aug. 25, 2024

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INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Municipal Clerk and the City Council of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, under the power of initiative granted to voters of the City of New Brunswick by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, hereby propose the Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof. If this Ordinance is not passed by the City of New Brunswick within the time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184 et seq., the undersigned voters demand that the same be submitted to the electorate for a vote in the next general election in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69 A-192b., with the question to be put to the voters in this manner:

QUESTION. Shall all individuals, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, who are sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, be eligible to register to vote and, if so registered, be eligible to vote in any Local Election?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

Signature and residence address of registered voters (all entries must be made in ink)

	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
1.			
2.		Jonathan Chen	55 BENTLEY DISCOVERY DR
3.		Ihsann Whitehurst	7 Livingston Ave
4.		Egden Lee	87 Morriside Ave
5.		Tracy Robinson	33 Remond

COMMITTEE OF PETITIONERS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

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Signature

Printed Name

Residence

6. Doug Corsi Douglas Corsi 121 Neilson St.
7. Emilia Emilia Saeedra 336 George St.
8. George George Michael Alghor 60 Paterson St.
9. Brindell Brindell Ange 79 Walter Grace B
10. James James Prister 7 Livingston Ave
11. Marik Joseph Marik Joseph 69 Terrace Road
12. Julie McClain JULIE MCCLAIN 76 LOUIS ST
13. Skyar Morales Skyar Morales 73 Louis ST
14. ~~Dennis Rojas~~ ~~Dennis Rojas~~
15. Tisha Tisha Reyes 88 Commercial St.
16. Arianna Flood Arianna Flood 380 George St Apt D
17. Alma Alma 135 French St
18. Archie Archie 33 Kenner Ave
19. Kirsten Bennett Kirsten Bennett 8 Suydam St Apt #5
20. USAMA AZAM 6 Edgebrook Road

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SECTION 1. Title IX, Elections, Section 1, Local Elections, of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of New Brunswick is amended and supplemented, to establish eligibility for residents the right to vote in New Brunswick Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status, as follows:

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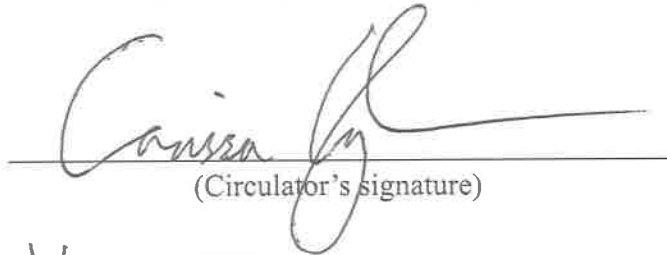
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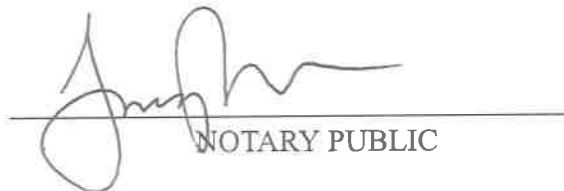
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NOTARY PUBLIC

MAHESH G. PATEL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
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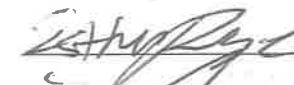
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INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

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	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
1.		Tanya J. Khan	33 Nelson Street
2.		Esther Reyes	33 Paul Robinson
3.		SAAD ELhamriti	90 New Str B/D
4.		Sofie Pasqua	290 George Street
5.		Erick Fernandez	184 Jones Ave.

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	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
6.		Angelica Santiago	23 Jones Ave NB-NJ 08901
7.		Weston Cooper	1 Richmond St. NO-NJ 08901
8.		Christopher Smith	10 High Street New Brunswick NJ 08901
9.		Kenneth Duhan	7 Livingston Ave New Brunswick NJ 08901
10.		Miguel A Sanchez Jr	252 Fulton St.
11.		Sydney Keenan	14B Suydam St
12.		Isaac Shockey	76 Louis St.
13.		Adam Grele	36 Courtlandt
14.		Tia Calhoun	80 Phelps Ave.
15.		Rakna Picciano	7 Livingston Ave Apt 1307 BALDWIN
16.		JAIRO AGUIÑO	32 BALDWIN ST
17.		Hope Hollins	21 South Weymouth St
18.		Isabella Escobar	59 Bishop St
19.		José A Portillo	Residencia 97 SEMEN ST 862
20.		Cory D Morris	944 2344

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COMMITTEE OF PETITIONERS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

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Appendix A

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TITLE IX, ELECTIONS, CHAPTER 1, LOCAL ELECTIONS.

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WHEREAS, the City of New Brunswick (the "City") recognizes its authority to enact ordinances pertaining to Local Elections; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that noncitizens and young people have a stake in civic life and the governance of the communities where they reside, and as such should be eligible to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

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SECTION 1. Title IX, Elections, Section 1, Local Elections, of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of New Brunswick is amended and supplemented, to establish eligibility for residents the right to vote in New Brunswick Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status, as follows:

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§ 9:1-1 - Local Elections.

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- 6. RECALL ELECTIONS:** a legal process in which eligible voters can remove an elected official from their position before their term expires. Recall elections are initiated by eligible voters who believe that the official's performance, conduct, or actions are unsatisfactory or have violated public trust.
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§ 9:1-2 - LOCAL ELECTION VOTING ELIGIBILITY.

- 1. Every person, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who meets the following criteria is a qualified voter:**
 - a. Is at least sixteen (16) years of age or will be at least sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election;**
 - b. Has resided within the corporate limits of the City for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election; and**

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the locations, days, hours, and mechanisms for early voting; and
b. Conduct voter education campaigns to inform eligible voters about the early voting
process and encourage participation.

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Vote by mail-in ballot in Local Elections.

OFFICEHOLDERS.

have the power to change Local Election dates, tie-breaking procedure, and write-in candidates in every respect not covered by the provisions of Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

DECLARATION OF RESULTS.

meet within two weeks after the local election, including any runoff election, of results. The persons having the number of votes required by this title for each elective office shall be declared elected.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: ADVISORY REFERENDUMS.

III. have the power to conduct local recall elections, special elections, and
every respect not covered by the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey
Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

APPEALS.

a. If any person feels aggrieved by any action by the City Clerk violating this Title, provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter, such person may appeal to the Superior Court of Middlesex County.

§ 9:1-12 - VOTER ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION.

1. The New Brunswick City Council shall designate a municipal body, such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library, to notify residents are informed of their eligibility to vote in Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status. This notification shall be provided through:
 - a. Notice at all polling locations in bilingual plain language that residents residing in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, are eligible to vote, if so registered by the registration deadline, regardless of immigration status or citizenship.
 - b. The city of New Brunswick shall cause a copy of the bilingual plain language summary to be mailed to all residential postal addresses and to all residential property owners annually on January 1.
 - c. Bilingual Information sessions at community centers and other public venues such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library or City Hall.
 - d. Bilingual Announcements on the city's official website and social media platforms.
 - e. Collaborations with local organizations and schools to spread awareness.
2. The designated municipal body for notifying residents of their voter eligibility shall provide annual reports to the Municipal Council detailing the efforts and effectiveness of the voter eligibility notification program to be reported at the first city council meeting of every year.

SECTION 3. All City ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this amendment shall be deemed unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 6. Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of New Brunswick as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of New Brunswick in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

STATEMENT

This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

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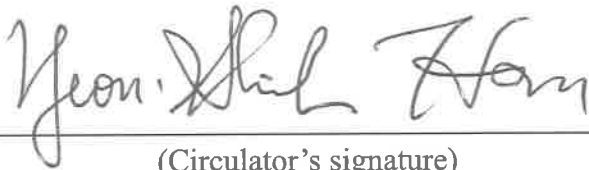
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

: ss.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I YEOLU-SHIUH HSU (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.


(Circulator's signature)

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 19th day of July, 2024.


NOTARY PUBLIC

MAHESH G. PATEL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
Comm # 2318716
My Commission Expires Aug. 25, 2024

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INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Municipal Clerk and the City Council of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, under the power of initiative granted to voters of the City of New Brunswick by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, hereby propose the Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof. If this Ordinance is not passed by the City of New Brunswick within the time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184 et seq., the undersigned voters demand that the same be submitted to the electorate for a vote in the next general election in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69 A-192b., with the question to be put to the voters in this manner:

QUESTION: Shall all individuals, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, who are sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, be eligible to register to vote and, if so registered, be eligible to vote in any Local Election?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

Signature and residence address of registered voters (all entries must be made in ink)

	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
1.		Ketik McBride	205 Easton Ave
2.			
3.		Lauren A. Lawrence	90 New Street
4.		Charlie Mooring	37 Reservoir Ave. New Brunswick NJ 08901
5.		Alexander Manzano	55 Hale St. New Brunswick NJ

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6.		JORGE OYOLA	Easton Ave. New Brunswick
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b. Has resided within the corporate limits of the City for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election; and

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- c. Is registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of this title.
2. Every qualified voter of the City is entitled to vote in all Local Elections and to participate in nominations, referendums, recalls, and other petitions authorized by this Title and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-3 - VOTER REGISTRATION.

1. All residents of the City who meet the voter qualifications set forth in § 9:1-2(1) shall be eligible to register to vote in Local Elections.
2. Any person residing in the City who is registered with the Middlesex County Board of Elections for Local Elections shall be deemed to be registered to vote in the respective Local Elections.

§ 9:1-4 - ELECTIONS CONDUCT.

1. The City Clerk of New Brunswick (the "City Clerk") shall conduct Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-5 - EARLY VOTING.

1. The City Clerk may conduct early voting for Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.
2. Notification and Education. Provided that the City Clerk adopts early voting, the City Clerk shall:
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1. The City Clerk shall provide provisional voting for Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.
2. A person may cast a provisional ballot in Local Elections if a person who believes they are qualified to vote but whose name does not appear on the lists of qualified voters of the City or if the person's eligibility to register to vote and/or to vote is challenged.

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1. The City Clerk shall arrange for voting by mail-in ballot in accordance with Subtitle 17 of the Elections Statute, Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules, and shall notify the voters of this intention for each election.
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1. The City Clerk shall have the power to change Local Election dates, tie-breaking procedure, nomination of candidates, and write-in candidates in every respect not covered by the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

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1. Right to Appeal

a. If any person feels aggrieved by any action by the City Clerk violating this Title, provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter, such person may appeal to the Superior Court of Middlesex County.

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pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

: ss.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I Carissa Cunningham (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.


(Circulator's signature)

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 19th day of July, 2024.


NOTARY PUBLIC

MAHESH G. PATEL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
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2.		Jeralyn Pierre	10 Manor Crescent, NB, NJ 08901
3.		Jeffrey Reyes	22 Manor Ct.
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6.		Samory mullings	170 Manor cres
7.		Raymond Turkson	168 Manor cres
8.	Bm	Bhoemi Mak	139 Manor cres
9.	Ben Rivera II	Ben Rivera II	155 Manor - Crescent
10.		William Foster	53 Manor
11.		Elvis Kouassi	63 Manor Crescent
12.		Mike Brown	75 Manor cres
13.		Ilene Miranda	99 Manor Crescent
14.		Angelica Marquez	103 Manor Cres
15.		Christina Battencourt	167 Manor Cres
16.		Cesar Rosa	61 Manor Cres.
17.		Diego Martinez	214 Manor cres
18.		Alfonso Harey	151 Manor Cres NBNJ08901
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22.		Bruce Nourjia	901A Chester
23.		Julie Robinson	211 Redwing N.B., N.J.
24.		Chris Cranford	285 George St Ave.
25.		Michelle Warren Phillips	NBM 08901
26.		Sean Sweeney	
27.		Lee Chan	1UR 317 08901
28.		Lin Wang	1000 Hiram Square Apt 320
29.		MAYANK KUMAR	100 Hiram Sq Apt 516
30.		TANVI MAHAJAN	100 HIRAM SQUARE, APT 516
31.		Steven Machuzak	10 Dennis St New Brunswick 08901
32.		Demonique Reynolds	10 Dennis St New Brunswick 08901
33.		Brent Prince	1 Richmond St New Brunswick
34.		Galina Bolden	1 Richmond St #1075 NB 08901
35.		Matt Albrecht	1 Richmond St 1078 08901
36.		John Sadowski	4 N. Pennington Rd 08901
37.		Carl	19 Hulstien Rd NB NJ 08901
38.		Alex Sampa	26 Battle Ct N.B. NJ 08901
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 - c. Bilingual Information sessions at community centers and other public venues such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library or City Hall.
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SECTION 3. All City ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

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SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 6. Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of New Brunswick as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of New Brunswick in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

STATEMENT

This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

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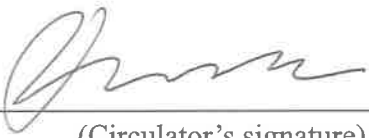
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COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I Omar Elhassani (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.


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before me this 18 day of July, 2024.


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Chester Cir - Building no. 51 INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Municipal Clerk and the City Council of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, under the power of initiative granted to voters of the City of New Brunswick by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, hereby propose the Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof. If this Ordinance is not passed by the City of New Brunswick within the time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184 et seq., the undersigned voters demand that the same be submitted to the electorate for a vote in the next general election in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69 A-192b., with the question to be put to the voters in this manner:

QUESTION: Shall all individuals, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, who are sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, be eligible to register to vote and, if so registered, be eligible to vote in any Local Election?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

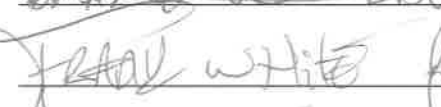
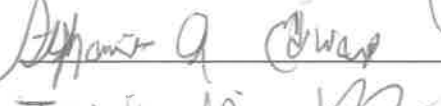
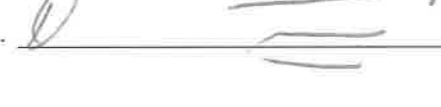
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	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
1.		Shianne Lee	NJ
2.		Reggie Michel	5 Hoffman Blvd NJ, NB 08901
3.		Ronald Shand	63 Handy Street NJ 08901
4.		Sarah Bennett	58 Chester Cir Apt 21 NJ 08901
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9.		David A Pressler	21 Dewey Drive New Brunswick, NJ 08901
10.		Anthony Gonzalez	115 Richardson St New Brunswick, NJ 08901
11.		Margaret Whelan	918 Mill Road New Brunswick, NJ 08901
12.		L. CARAYO	NEW BRK. New Brunswick, NJ 08901
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Appendix A

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TITLE IX, ELECTIONS, CHAPTER 1, LOCAL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, in accordance with New Jersey Constitution, Art. IV, § VII, 11, the Home Rule Act, N.J.S.A. 40:42-4, and the Optional Municipal Charter Law which applies to the City of New Brunswick, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-30, the New Jersey State Legislature has authorized municipalities to use local power to deal with local needs. Further, both the Home Rule Act, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, and the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-30, grant to local government broad general powers to meet such needs in addition to powers specifically enumerated; and

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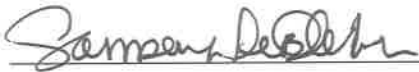
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Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 18th day of July, 2024.



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SAMSON DEBOSE-ANDERSON
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My Commission Expires March 8, 2028

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INITIATIVE PETITION

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Signature and residence address of registered voters (all entries must be made in ink)

	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
1.		DIDI MITRA	23 Stockton Rd NB NJ 08901
2.		Ricardo Balbuen	6 Prentiss Rd New Brunswick NJ 08901
3.		Gisela Vazquez	6 Prentiss Rd New Brunswick NJ 08901
4.		Maria Garcia	310 S. Somerset Ave New Brunswick NJ 08901
5.		JUAN LOPEZ	333 Delavan Ave New Brunswick NJ 08901

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Signature

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6. Christy E. Eubank Christopher Eubank 209 Handy Street

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2. The designated municipal body for notifying residents of their voter eligibility shall provide annual reports to the Municipal Council detailing the efforts and effectiveness of the voter eligibility notification program to be reported at the first city council meeting of every year.

SECTION 3. All City ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this amendment shall be deemed unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

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STATEMENT

This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

: ss.

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I Suraj Patel (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

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Sworn to and subscribed
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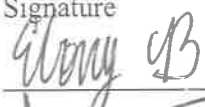
To the Municipal Clerk and the City Council of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, under the power of initiative granted to voters of the City of New Brunswick by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, hereby propose the Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof. If this Ordinance is not passed by the City of New Brunswick within the time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184 et seq., the undersigned voters demand that the same be submitted to the electorate for a vote in the next general election in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69 A-192b., with the question to be put to the voters in this manner:

QUESTION: Shall all individuals, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, who are sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, be eligible to register to vote and, if so registered, be eligible to vote in any Local Election?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

Signature and residence address of registered voters (all entries must be made in ink)

	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
1.		Ebony Brunson	236 George St
2.		Yardeni Lopez	248 George St
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6. ~~Vivian N~~
7. ~~V. Verissimo~~ Vivianne Verissimo 1050 Georgetown St
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