



**THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
CITY HALL . 78 BAYARD STREET . NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ 08901-2113**

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08 August 2024

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Alena L. Chekanov	252 Delavan St., New Brunswick NJ 08901
Alexander Nicholas Vargas	57 Jones Ave., New Brunswick NJ 08901
David A. Pressler	21 Dewey Dr., New Brunswick NJ 08901

Dear Committee of Petitioners:

Enclosed please find a photocopy of the certification for the Petition you submitted on July 19, 2024.

Sincerely,


Leslie R. Zeledón, City Clerk

Cc: T.K. Shamy, Esq., City Attorney



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IN RE: PETITION TO ENACT: " An Ordinance creating Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections".

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 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?
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CERTIFICATION OF LESLIE R. ZELEDÓN

1. As the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of New Brunswick, I am making this Certification, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-187, in connection with the Petition Filed in my office on July 19, 2024 desiring to propose an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance creating Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections".
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 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?
2. I have completed my review of the Petition filed and hereby find the Petition is insufficient. The petition included 258 signature lines. Of the 258, 140 signatures are invalid. The total amount of signatures accepted is 118. Whereas, the minimum required signatures of qualified voters is 215.
3. In addition to my review of insufficient valid signatures, it is the City Attorney's opinion that the initiative petition is void, due to the attempt to enact legislation locally that is preempted by the State Statute. The proposed Ordinance enactment is in direct conflict with the voting requirements as prescribed by the New Jersey Constitution and New Jersey State Statutes, under Title 19, specifically, N.J.S.A. 19:31-5.

4. I am today notifying each of the members of the Committee of Petitioners of this certification, as recited above, by regular and certified mail.

Dated: August 8, 2024



LESLIE R. ZELEDON



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Dear Committee of Petitioners:

Enclosed please find a photocopy of the certification for the Petition you submitted on August 12, 2024.

Sincerely,


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CERTIFICATION OF LESLIE R. ZELEDÓN

1. As the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of New Brunswick, I am making this Certification, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-187, in connection with the petitions filed in my office on July 19, 2024 and supplementary petition filed on August 12, 2024 desiring to propose an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance creating Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections".
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 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?
2. I have completed my review of the amendment supplementary petition filed, allowed under N.J.S.A. 40:69A-188 and hereby find the supplementary petition insufficient. The petition included 122 signatures. Of the 122, 32 signatures are invalid. The total amount of signatures of qualified voters is 90. However, in review of the Affidavits of Circulators there are inconsistencies on the Affidavit of Circulator, resulting in the signatures associated with the affidavit being defective and cannot be counted. The total amount of defective signatures is 73 out of the overall 90 qualified voters whom signed.
3. Therefore, the total amount of signatures accepted between both petitions are 135 valid signatures, short of the minimum required of 215 signatures.

4. Furthermore, in my certification dated August 8, 2024, I stated it is the City Attorney's opinion that the initiative petition is void, due to the attempt to enact legislation locally that is preempted by the State Statute. The proposed Ordinance enactment is in direct conflict with the voting requirements as prescribed by the New Jersey Constitution and New Jersey State Statutes, under Title 19, specifically, N.J.S.A. 19:31-5.
5. I am today notifying each of the members of the Committee of Petitioners of this certification, as recited above, by regular and certified mail.

Dated: August 19, 2024



LESLIE R. ZILETON