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BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Robert Brink, Chairman

II. Consideration of Candidate Filing Extension (Va. Code § 24.2-503)

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III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Public comment will be offered prior to Board action, but comments will be limited to the specific agenda item in question. An open public comment period will be offered prior to adjournment. Members of the public participating virtually who wish to give public comment on any of the agenda items may do so; if using WebEx, by using the raise hands feature, or if by phone, identifying themselves when the Chair opens the floor to those members of the public attending via telephone.

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Memorandum

To: Chairman Brink, Vice Chair O'Bannon, and Secretary LeCruise
From: Paul Saunders, Elections Administration Supervisor
Date: December 16, 2020
Re: Candidate Filing Extension

Possible motion for the Board to make:

Move that the Board grant an extension pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-503 for candidates to file the Certificate of Candidate Qualification or Statement of Economic Interest in relation to the special elections scheduled for January 5, 2021.

Applicable Code Sections: Va. Code §§ 24.2-501, 24.2-502 and 24.2-503

Background: Pursuant to Va. Code §§ 24.2-501 and 24.2-502, an individual that seeks to be a candidate for office must submit a Certificate of Candidate Qualification and a Statement of Economic Interests. Failure to submit either of these documents would prohibit an individual from having their name printed on the ballot.

Pursuant to Va. Code § 24.2-503, the State Board of Elections may grant an extension of the filing deadlines for the Certificate of Candidate Qualification and Statement of Economic Interests. Any extension granted may only be for a 10 day time period and begins on the date notice is mailed to the affected candidates. If the State Board of Election grants an extension, the Department of Elections must notify all candidates who have not filed one or both documents of the extension.

Attachment: Letter requesting extension from Candi King

Candi King
Candi King for VA
17717 Wayside Dr.
Dumfries, VA 22026
Dec. 15, 2020

The Honorable Robert Brink
The Honorable John O'Bannon
The Honorable Jamilah D. LeCruise
Virginia Department of Elections

Dear Honorable Members of the State Board of Elections,

I respectfully ask for an extension of the Dec. 14, 5 p.m. filing deadline for the Special Election for House of Delegates District 2 Seat. My Certification of Candidate Qualification and Statement of Economic Interest were mailed via the U.S. Postal Service Express Overnight at 5:11 p.m. on Dec. 14.

The contributing factors to the missed deadline were all inherent to the challenges of putting together a campaign apparatus during a pandemic in five days:

- Time and resources required to run full-scale primary campaign to win Democratic nomination in Firehouse Primary
- Time required to fill out 28-page Statement of Economic Interest
- Difficulty in finding a notary. Several banks said they were short-staffed due to COVID.
- Limited staff support on the ground due to both tight timeline and the pandemic. Campaign manager was out-of-state and did not want to risk travel to Virginia and bringing COVID back to family in Ohio.
- Long line at the Post Office once materials were completed. I arrived at the Post Office at approximately 4:45 p.m.

I am grateful for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Candi King