

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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In the Matter of the Application of

BARD COLLEGE, ELECTION@BARD, LEON  
BOTSTEIN, ERIN CANNAN, CYNTHIA DEANN  
AUSTIN CUNNINGHAM, MARIA ALEJANDRA  
RODRIGUEZ ORTIZ, SARINA JAQUELINE CULAJ,  
and TOMAS S. FORMAN,

Index No. 2021/52777

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
JONATHAN BECKER**

Petitioners,

-against-

DUTCHESS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS,  
ERIK J. HAIGHT, in his official capacity,  
HANNAH BLACK, in her official capacity.

Respondents,

For a Judgment Pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil  
Practice Law and Rules

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STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
  ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS    )

JONATHAN BECKER, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am employed by petitioner Bard College (“Bard”) as the Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Political Studies and the Director of Bard’s Center for Civic Engagement. I have worked at Bard since 1997. I am over 18 years of age and am competent to testify on my own behalf. I submit this affidavit based on my personal knowledge and experience.

2. As part of my duties as Director of the Center for Civic Engagement, I lead and support the efforts of our students, faculty, staff, families, and community to ensure that they can exercise their fundamental right to vote freely and safely, and that this sacred right is not denied

or abridged. That has been an ongoing struggle, dating back to at least the late 1980s, for the registered voters of the Town of Red Hook's Election District 5 ("District 5"), the district containing Bard's campus. I have been involved with this struggle since 1999. The history of the efforts of Bard and others to obtain a designated pollsite on Bard's campus is familiar to this Court, as a result of the litigation that occurred in 2020. As the Court is aware, that litigation resulted in an order directing the respondents to make Bard's Bertelsmann Campus Center ("the Campus Center") available as a District 5 pollsite.

3. I submit this affidavit for two primary purposes: to complete and correct the record related to the 2021 pollsite designation process, and to address a number of inaccuracies in Commissioner Haight's affidavit about the physical layout of Bard's campus and District 5.

4. First, from Bard's perspective as an interested community member, the February 25, 2021 public meeting held by the Dutchess County Board of Elections ("BOE") was not adequately publicized. I first became aware that the meeting was going to occur during a telephone call with Commissioner Hannah Black in February 2021. For the three days prior to the meeting, I tried to find public information about the time and means by which the public could access the meeting. I was unable to find that information on the BOE website or elsewhere online or in print. On February 24, 2021 I called the BOE to request that information. I spoke to a staff member named "Amy" who was unaware of the meeting and was unable to find any information about it on the BOE website. Later, on February 24, 2021, I emailed both BOE Commissioners, asking for that information. Commissioner Black provided meeting access information in response to my email. Commissioner Haight did not respond.

5. I prepared and submitted to the BOE a letter dated February 19, 2021, which was filed as an exhibit to the Petition in this case. See Doc. No. 9. In that letter, Bard requested that

the Campus Center be designated as District 5's polling place for 2021, noting that the Campus Center had successfully hosted a District 5 polling location for the 2020 general election. The letter also explained that the Campus Center is the most appropriate facility at Bard to serve as a polling location, and that it is far superior as a polling location to Bard's Fisher Performing Arts Center (the "PAC"). I never received a response to that letter, and to my knowledge nobody at Bard or on behalf of Bard did.

6. I attended the February 25, 2021 meeting using the only means made available to members of the public: a Microsoft Teams meeting. The Teams meeting was configured so that the two Commissioners were on video and able to speak to each other. I and (I believe) all other attendees were passive observers. I was able to listen to and see the two Commissioners, but I could not submit public comment or otherwise interact with the Commissioners, either by voice or by the Teams chat feature.

7. I observed the Commissioners' discussion about District 5 with keen interest, and I have recently reviewed the video in order to refresh my recollection. I heard each Commissioner make the motions described in Commissioner Haight's affidavit. I heard that the Commissioners did not reach any agreement as to a District 5 pollsite. After they discussed Commissioner Black's motion to designate the Campus Center, Commissioner Haight said he would not agree to that motion, and that the District 5 pollsite therefore "defaulted back" (or words to that effect) to the St. John's Episcopal Church (the "Church"). This made no sense to me, because my understanding was (and remains) that the 2020 order of this Court had caused the Campus Center, as well as the Church, to be District 5's designated pollsites. I also interpreted his statement as just that—his own statement of how he interpreted their failure to agree, not as a definitive, final action by the BOE designating a District 5 pollsite.

8. Consistent with that understanding, I have worked through most of 2021 to continue supporting Bard's efforts to persuade the BOE to designate the Campus Center as a 2021 pollsite. For example, I prepared and submitted the March 12, April 1, and April 30 letters to the BOE that were attached to Bard's petition. I undertook those efforts because I believed the BOE had not designated a District 5 pollsite for 2021, and I hoped that those efforts would ultimately result in the Campus Center serving as a 2021 polling location.

9. On at least two occasions that I can recall, I communicated with Commissioner Black before sending one of the letters mentioned in the prior paragraph. On each occasion, I contacted Commissioner Black to ask whether the BOE had issued or executed a document officially designating the 2021 District 5 pollsite. I was aware that the BOE had issued a document signed by both commissioners that appeared to designate 2021 pollsite on November 30, 2020, although I also understood that the document had been rescinded after Commissioner Black had filed suit against Commissioner Haight. I also understood that the BOE had issued an official designation document in 2020, close in time to the March 15 deadline, to make the designations. Each time I communicated with Commissioner Black in 2021, she advised me that no such document had been issued and that there was not, to her knowledge, a designation of a District 5 pollsite for 2021. Both of those communications occurred after the February 25 meeting.

10. Commissioner Haight's affidavit references a document that he characterizes as the minutes from the February 25 meeting. I never received a copy of that document in response to any of my post-February 25 letters, or otherwise. To my knowledge, nobody at Bard received a copy of that document until we received Commissioner Haight's current motion.

11. I have tried to locate the document Commissioner Haight filed, or any other information about what occurred at the February 25 meeting. I have been unable to locate any such information on the BOE's website, including on the BOE's "Latest Board of Election News" page. I have also searched the Poughkeepsie Journal's website, and I have been unable to find any information about the February 25 meeting there as well.

12. Commissioner Haight's affidavit also makes a number of inaccurate statements about the physical layout of Bard's campus. First, he claims that in order to access the Campus Center, one must travel through a "main security gate." Doc. No. 30, ¶¶ 12-13. Bard has no "main security gate." Indeed, it has no gates at all. It is an open campus, bisected by County Road 103 (Annandale Road), the very road that Commissioner Haight took when he made his unannounced and unauthorized (due to Covid restrictions) visit to campus in October, 2020. There is no mention of a security gate on the campus map attached as an exhibit to Commissioner Haight's affidavit. Doc. No. 32.

13. The large majority of District 5 voters live on or near Bard's campus. Those who don't most likely have occasion to regularly drive through campus on Annandale Road. As a result, the vast majority of District 5 voters are likely quite familiar with Bard's open campus, and with the location of significant community resources like the Campus Center, our gym, and the PAC.

14. Commissioner Haight also claims that the PAC is a better pollsite because voters have to "travel by student housing" to get to the Campus Center but not to the PAC. Doc. No. 30 ¶ 12. This is incorrect. The map he submitted shows that voters traveling south to north to access the PAC (the direction traveled by the majority of voters who do not live on or near Bard) would drive the same route as to the Campus Center, then enter the PAC complex via Robbins Road,

which passes within a few feet of Robbins Hall, Bard's largest dormitory. Similarly, anyone who takes public transportation would walk by Robbins Hall and other dormitories. At the same time, there are no dormitories between the bus stop and the Campus Center or the nearest parking lot (Lot 6) and the Campus Center. Doc. No. 32. Moreover, while dorms would be visible in the distance to people traveling to the Campus Center, they need not pass within close proximity and the dormitories are largely obscured by trees.

15. In any event, I note that Commissioner Haight does not offer any reason why proximity to dormitories is a reason to prioritize one potential pollsite over another. Bard prohibits students from posting political signage in their windows and neither I, nor Bard Security, identified any signs that could constitute electioneering in windows, or anywhere visible, within two hundred yards of the pollsite at the Campus Center during the 2020 election.

16. In terms of parking, as Commissioner Haight notes, there are handicap-accessible spots very close to the Campus Center—approximately sixty feet from the entrance. The main drop-off point for handicap individuals to the PAC's main (Luma Theater) entrance, however, is more than 300 feet away. The handicap-accessible parking spots at the PAC are also around 60 feet from an entrance to the Performing Arts Center complex, but that entrance is primarily for accessing offices, not the public areas of the PAC where a polling site could theoretically be located. In addition, using the office entrance would then require visitors to follow a serpentine path to appropriate elevators to access the parts of the building capable of housing a polling place.

17. While Commissioner Haight correctly notes that Lot 6, the large lot of non-handicap spots closest to the Campus Center, is on the other side of the Fisher Studio Arts Building, the walk from Lot 6's closest non-handicap public space to the Campus Center's

entrance is approximately 425 feet. This is similar to the distance between public parking at the PAC and the main (Luma) PAC entrance, though the walk, unlike that to the Campus Center, involves scaling two sets of steps.

18. The Campus Center is far more accessible to public transportation than the PAC. The Kline Stop (the campus stop for the County Loop bus), as shown on the map, is close to the Campus Center, approximately an 850-foot walk but a much greater distance from the PAC, approximately 3,850 feet (or 4.5 times further). Doc. No. 32. Moreover, for handicap voters, there is no smoothly paved walkway from the Kline Stop to the PAC.

19. Commissioner Haight's characterization of a "security checkpoint" during the 2020 election is inaccurate. Doc. No. 30, ¶ 12. Bard did not run a "security checkpoint." Rather, unarmed security guards directed voters to the nearest parking lot, as they do for all major events at Bard. Security also asked students not to park in the parking lot closest to the Campus Center to facilitate easy access for voters.

20. Commissioner Haight asserts in his affidavit that, "the Church is located only about 0.3 mile from the southern edge of Bard's property, meaning that it is closer to Bard campus voters than it is to almost all other voters in the election district." Doc. No. 30, ¶ 16. While technically true, this characterization is misleading in terms of voter convenience. The southern portion of Bard's property comprises a large historic site called Montgomery Place, which includes a fruit orchard and only a few Bard offices. No students, faculty, or staff reside there. While the Church is approximately 0.3 mile from the southern edge of Montgomery Place, it is about 1.2 miles from the nearest dormitory, 2.0 miles from the most distant dorm, and 1.4 miles from the Kline/Loop Bus Stop.

21. Finally, I want to address Commissioner Haight's unfounded and unsupported insinuation that Bard is "perceived as being a left-wing school" where certain District 5 voters "will be discouraged from voting." Doc. No. 30 ¶ 12. The Bard community represents a wide array of opinions and Bard has diverse community partnerships which bring different voices to campus. For example, Bard and the United States Military Academy at West Point have the most celebrated partnership between a liberal arts college and a service academy. As mentioned above, Bard's campus is open and Bard regularly welcomes the community to a wide range of events, like high school concerts, community chorus recitals, open public lectures, and the Lifetime Learning Institutes program (which has over 300 members). Bard hosts Red Hook high school students before prom and graduation for photos and Bard's Stevenson Athletic Center hosts the after-prom party.

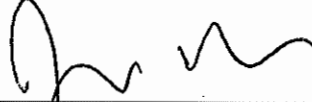
22. Beyond that, the Stevenson Athletic Center, which is a short distance from the Campus Center, annually welcomes thousands of visitors from the local community, including participants and fans who attend events like the annual Red Hook versus Rhinebeck basketball game (which can draw up to 500 spectators) as well as high school baseball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis, volleyball, swimming, and cross-country. Our fields and facilities host youth camps and clinics, and hundreds of area residents with community memberships routinely work out in our exercise rooms, weight areas, and pool.

23. I strenuously disagree with Commissioner Haight's insinuation that the Bard campus is an unwelcoming place for *any* District 5 voters, and I believe the facts described above amply support my view.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

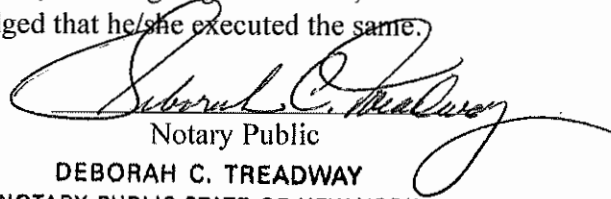
Executed August 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jonathan Becker

STATE OF NEW YORK } SS.:  
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS }

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 before me personally came Jonathan Becker, to me known to be the individual described in, and who executed, the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same.

  
Notary Public

**DEBORAH C. TREADWAY**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**No. 01TR5017597**  
**Qualified In Dutchess County**  
**My Commission Expires 09-07-2021**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
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In the Matter of the Application of  
HANNAH BLACK, IN HER INDIVIDUAL  
CAPACITY AND AS ELECTION COMMISSIONER,

Plaintiff-Petitioner,

For a Judgment Pursuant to CPLR Article 78 and  
For a Declaratory Judgment under CPLR Article 30

-against-

ERIK HAIGHT AND HANNAH BLACK, AS THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION FOR DUTCHESS  
COUNTY and THE DUTCHESS COUNTY BOARD OF  
ELECTIONS,

Defendant-Respondents,

**VERIFIED  
COMPLAINT-PETITION**

Petitioner, Hannah Black by her attorneys, Treybich Law, P.C., as and for her verified complaint-petition, states:

**Preliminary Statement**

1. This is a hybrid action-proceeding seeking a judgment declaring that Resolutions 01-2021 and 02-2021 of the Defendant-Respondent Dutchess County Board of Elections are void for violating the Open Meetings Law and the Election Law. (Resolution 01-2021 is annexed hereto as “Exhibit 1”); (Resolution 02-2021 is annexed hereto as “Exhibit 2”)

**Parties and Background**

2. Defendant-Respondent the Dutchess County Board of Elections was and is charged with the responsibility of the supervision of the conduct of elections held in the County of Dutchess, New York State. (hereinafter, the “BOE”)

3. Pursuant to Election Law §3-200 (2) and Election Law §3-204, the BOE consists of two Commissioners of Elections, who are recommended and appointed by the two major political parties, currently the Democratic and Republican Parties.

4. Plaintiff-Petitioner Hannah Black is the Commissioner of the BOE who was first recommended by the County Committee of the Democratic Party on November 23, 2020, and first appointed by the Democratic caucus of the Dutchess County Legislature by certificate filed on December 30, 2020. (copy of certificate of recommendation and certificate of appointment annexed hereto as Exhibit 3)

5. Pursuant to Election Law §3-202(1), Commissioner Black's term of office is two years and commenced on January 1, 2021.

6. In her individual capacity, Plaintiff-Petitioner Hannah Black is a resident of Dutchess County, New York.

7. Defendant-Respondent Erik Haight is the Republican Commissioner of the BOE and was first appointed to that role in 2012.

8. Defendant-Respondent Hannah Black is the Democratic Commissioner of the BOE.

9. Together, pursuant to Election Law §3-200(2), the commissioners make up the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

10. On January 12, 2021, Plaintiff-Petitioner served a letter asserting that Resolution 01-2021 and Resolution 02-2021 are null and void, and that such be acknowledged by Defendant-Respondent Erik Haight on or before January 19, 2021. (Copy of demand annexed hereto as "Exhibit 4")

11. Defendant-Respondent Erik Haight has not done so.

12. If such resolutions are not deemed null and void as an *ultra vires* exercise of power by a prior board of elections, such resolutions will impede the mandated bipartisan character of the BOE because such resolutions effectively impede and subvert the statutory and constitutional authority of only the Democratic Commissioner of Elections and not the Republican Commissioner of Elections.

#### **Resolution 01-2021**

13. On November 30, 2020, together with the Plaintiff-Petitioner's predecessor in interest, Defendant-Respondent Erik Haight purports to have adopted Resolution 01-2021<sup>1</sup> of the BOE. (hereinafter, "Resolution #1"); (Exhibit 1)

14. Resolution #1 purported to designate poll sites for the primary and general elections, as well as early voting sites, for the period March 1, 2021 and expires on February 29, 2022. (Exhibit 1)

15. On March 13, 2020, the BOE had designated poll sites for March 1, 2020-February 28, 2021, including the 2020 primary and general elections, and early voting sites. (Resolution 07-2020 is annexed hereto as "Exhibit 5")

16. Resolution #1 is void for several reasons.

17. First, such resolution was adopted in contravention of the Open Meetings Law, in that the Board of Elections, as a public body pursuant to Public Officers Law §102(2), was and is required to hold public meetings pursuant to Public Officers Law §103(a), following public notice of such meeting pursuant to Public Officers Law §104.

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<sup>1</sup> The naming convention of the resolution is telling as to the invalidity of such resolution, as it purports to be the first resolution of 2021, to take effect during a time when the outgoing Commissioner of Elections, Elizabeth Soto, lacked any authority to act.

18. Neither a public meeting was held nor was notice given to the public of such meeting.

19. Further, pursuant to Election Law §3-202 the term of the former Democratic Commissioner of Elections, Elizabeth Soto, expired on December 31, 2020, thus Resolution #1 which purports to take effect during the term of office of the Plaintiff-Petitioner is void as the Plaintiff-Petitioner's predecessor in interest lacked authority to act after her term expired on December 31, 2020. (Exhibit 1)

20. Furthermore, Resolution #1 is also void in that it purports to expire on February 29, 2022 in contravention of Election Law §4-104(1), which limits the designation of a poll site for one (1) year from its designation, in this case from November 30, 2020. (Exhibit 1)

21. Furthermore, Resolution #1 is also void in that the plain reading of Election Law §4-104 requires that such designation of polling places be made each year, thus making two purported designations during 2020 (*see*, Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 5), and making no designation of polling sites during 2021, a further violation of the law.

22. Finally, with respect to Resolution #1, Election Law §4-104(1) requires that the designation of polling places be done "in consultation with each city, town and village".

23. This was not done.

24. Therefore, Resolution #1 is null and void, and the Plaintiff-Petitioner is entitled to a declaratory judgment that such resolution is null and void.

**Resolution 02-2021**

25. On December 30, 2020, together with the Plaintiff-Petitioner's predecessor in interest, Defendant-Respondent Erik Haight purports to have adopted Resolution 02-2021<sup>2</sup> of the BOE. (hereinafter, "Resolution #2"); (Exhibit 2)

26. Resolution #2 purported to set full time staff salaries, titles and numbers, including in effect the hiring and firing of staff members, and by its terms claims to have taken effect on January 1, 2021. (Exhibit 2)

27. Upon information and belief, Defendant-Respondent Erik Haight and the Plaintiff-Petitioner purported to make this resolution effective on January 1, 2021 so that they could attempt to fill two new positions that were newly funded by the Dutchess County Legislature in the 2021 county budget which took effect on January 1, 2021.

28. Resolution #2 is void for several reasons.

29. First, such resolution was adopted in contravention of the Open Meetings Law, in that the Board of Elections, as a public body pursuant to Public Officers Law §102(2), was and is required to hold public meetings pursuant to Public Officers Law §103(a), following public notice of such meeting pursuant to Public Officers Law §104.

30. Neither a public meeting was held nor was notice given to the public of such meeting.

31. Further, pursuant to Election Law §3-202 the term of the former Democratic Commissioner of Elections, Elizabeth Soto, expired on December 31, 2020, thus Resolution #2

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<sup>2</sup> The naming convention of the resolution is telling as to the invalidity of such resolution, as it purports to be the second resolution of 2021, to take effect during a time when the outgoing Commissioner of Elections, Elizabeth Soto, lacked any authority to act.

which purports to take effect during the term of office of the Plaintiff-Petitioner is void as the Plaintiff-Petitioner's predecessor in interest lacked authority to act after her term expired on December 31, 2020. (Exhibit 2)

32. Furthermore, Resolution #2 purports to appoint Debbie Wright as the deputy Commissioner of Elections as of January 1, 2021, during the Plaintiff-Petitioner's term.

33. As the deputy for former Commissioner Soto, Debbie Wright's appointment as deputy expired on December 31, 2020 as well.

34. That Resolution #2 also purports to appoint a deputy not of Plaintiff-Petitioner's choosing for 2021 is yet another reason that it is null and void.

35. Finally, Resolution #2 purports to fill vacancies that did not exist until January 1, 2021, when the Dutchess County Budget which allocated funding for two new positions took effect, thus former Commissioner Soto lacked authority to fill or consent to fill those vacancies.

36. Therefore, Resolution #2 is null and void, and the Plaintiff-Petitioner is entitled to a declaratory judgment that such resolution is null and void.

### **Reorganization**

37. Election Law §3-200(1), provides, in pertinent part, that "[t]here shall be a board of elections in each county of the state".

38. Election Law §3-200(2), provides, in pertinent part, that "[e]ach board shall consist of two election commissioners".

39. Election Law §3-212 requires that each board of elections "organize as a board" "at their first meeting after the first day of January of each year".

40. Election Law §3-300 provides, in pertinent part, that "[e]very board of elections shall appoint, and at its pleasure remove, clerks, voting machine technicians, custodians and

other employees, fix their number, prescribe their duties, fix their titles and rank and establish their salaries within the amounts appropriated therefor by the local legislative body and shall secure in the appointment of employees of the board of elections equal representation of the major political parties... Every commissioner in each board of elections...may approve and at pleasure remove a deputy, establish his title and prescribe his duties.” (emphasis added)

41. Thus, the plain meaning of this statute is that each board of elections, upon reorganization, can and must appoint its employees each year.

42. Resolution #2 supports this proposition, in that the prior commissioners of the BOE attempted to appoint, and re-appoint, employees on January 1, 2021, except that outgoing commissioner Elizabeth Soto lacked authority to act on January 1, 2021, as she was no longer the commissioner of elections.

43. As such, Resolution #2 is null and void, in that Commissioner Hannah Black must have the ability to pick her staff in conjunction with Commissioner Erik Haight (and vice versa), as contemplated by the Election Law and the New York State Constitution in mandating the bipartisan nature of the BOE, and thus, any attempt to limit her authority to do so, implicates the bipartisan nature of the BOE.

44. Therefore, Resolution #2 is null and void, the Plaintiff-Petitioner is entitled to a declaratory judgment that such resolution is null and void, and the Plaintiff-Petitioner is entitled to an order requiring that an organizational meeting of the BOE be held where, *inter alia*, the BOE appoint (and reappoint, where appropriate) its staff pursuant to the Election Law.

**WHEREFORE**, Your Plaintiff-Petitioner respectfully demands an order and judgement:

(i) declaring that Resolution 01-2021 and Resolution 02-2021 of the Dutchess County Board of Elections are null and void; (ii) requiring that an organizational meeting of the BOE be held where, *inter alia*, the BOE appoint its staff pursuant to law; (iii) granting her reasonable attorneys' fees, the costs and disbursements of this action; and (iv) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: Poughkeepsie, New York  
January 28, 2021

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**VERIFICATION**

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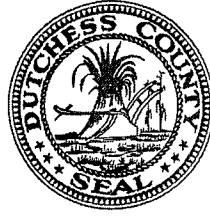
I, HANNAH BLACK, being duly sworn, depose and state, that I am the Petitioner to the within proceeding. I have read the foregoing Verified Petition and know the contents thereof, and the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and that, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

  
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HANNAH BLACK

Sworn to before me this  
28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

**MICHAEL TREYBICH**  
Notary Public - New York  
Registration No. 02TR6205816  
Qualified in Dutchess County  
Commission Expires 5/11/2021



Erik J. Haight  
Commissioner

Elizabeth A. Soto  
Commissioner

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**Resolution Number 07-2020: Designating Poll Sites for 2020**

**Whereas**, New York State Election Law Section 4-104 requires the Dutchess County Board of Elections to designate polling places,

**Now**, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, the Dutchess County Board of Elections designates the attached list of polling places for 2020.

Erik J. Haight  
Commissioner

Elizabeth A. Soto  
Commissioner

Dated: 3/13/20

**DUTCHESS COUNTY POLLING SITES 2020 - 2021**

Effective: March 1, 2020 to February 29, 2021

**AMENIA**

1st Dist. Immaculate Conception-St. Patrick Parish, 11 Lavelle Road, Amenia  
2nd Dist. Wassaic Fire House, 27 Firehouse Road, Wassaic  
3rd Dist. V.F.W. Harlem Valley Post #5444, 3422 Route 22, Dover Plains

**BEEKMAN**

1st Dist. Beekman Library, 11 Town Center Boulevard, Poughquag  
2nd Dist. Beekman Library, 11 Town Center Boulevard, Poughquag  
3rd Dist. Beekman Community Center, 31 Recreation Center Road, Poughquag  
4th Dist. Beekman Elementary School, 201 Lime Ridge Road, Poughquag  
5th Dist. Beekman Fire House, 316 Beekman-Poughquag Road, Poughquag  
6th Dist. Beekman Elementary School, 201 Lime Ridge Road, Poughquag  
7th Dist. Beekman Elementary School, 201 Lime Ridge Road, Poughquag  
8th Dist. Beekman Fire House, 316 Beekman-Poughquag Road, Poughquag  
9th Dist. Beekman Community Center, 31 Recreation Center Road, Poughquag

**CLINTON**

1st Dist. Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Clinton Corners  
2nd Dist. Valley Community Church, 2260 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners  
3rd Dist. West Clinton Fire House, Station #1, 219 Hollow Road, Staatsburg

**DOVER**

1st Dist. Dover Town Hall, 126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains  
2nd Dist. Dover Town Hall, 126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains  
3rd Dist. Dover Town Hall, 126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains  
4th Dist. Dover Middle School, 2368 Route 22, Dover Plains  
5th Dist. Dover Middle School, 2368 Route 22, Dover Plains  
6th Dist. Dover Middle School, 2368 Route 22, Dover Plains

**EAST FISHKILL**

1st Dist. Hillside Lake Fire House #3, 207 Hillside Lake Road, Wappingers Falls  
2nd Dist. East Fishkill Community Center, 888 Route 82, Hopewell Junction  
3rd Dist. Stormville Fire House, 112 Old Route 52, Stormville  
4th Dist. Stormville Fire District Substation, 26 Mountain Top Road, Stormville  
5th Dist. Stormville Fire District Substation, 26 Mountain Top Road, Stormville  
6th Dist. East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction  
7th Dist. East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction  
8th Dist. Fishkill Plains Elementary School, 17 Lake Walton Road, Wappingers Falls  
9th Dist. Hillside Lake Fire House #3, 207 Hillside Lake Road, Wappingers Falls  
10th Dist. Fishkill Plains Elementary School, 17 Lake Walton Road, Wappingers Falls  
11th Dist. Fishkill Plains Elementary School, 17 Lake Walton Road, Wappingers Falls  
12th Dist. East Fishkill Community Center, 888 Route 82, Hopewell Junction  
13th Dist. Wiccopee Fire House, 6 West Hook Rd, Hopewell Junction  
14th Dist. Wiccopee Fire House, 6 West Hook Rd, Hopewell Junction  
15th Dist. East Fishkill Fire Training Center, 2502 Route 52, Hopewell Junction  
16th Dist. Stormville Fire District Substation, 26 Mountain Top Road, Stormville  
17th Dist. Stormville Fire House, 112 Old Route 52, Stormville  
18th Dist. East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction  
19th Dist. East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction  
20th Dist. East Fishkill Community Center, 888 Route 82, Hopewell Junction  
21st Dist. East Fishkill Fire Training Center, 2502 Route 52, Hopewell Junction

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 48

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 02/20/2020

1st Dist. Slater Chemical Fire House, 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham  
 2nd Dist. Fishkill Center for Rehab & Nursing, 22 Robert R. Kasin Way, Beacon  
 3rd Dist. Fishkill Center for Rehab & Nursing, 22 Robert R. Kasin Way, Beacon  
 4th Dist. Dutchess Junction Fire House, 75 Slocum Road, Beacon  
 5th Dist. Wingate at Dutchess, 3 Summit Court, Fishkill  
 6th Dist. Slater Chemical Fire House, 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham  
 7th Dist. Wingate at Dutchess, 3 Summit Court, Fishkill  
 8th Dist. Brinckerhoff Elementary School, 16 Wedgewood Road, Fishkill  
 9th Dist. Brinckerhoff Elementary School, 16 Wedgewood Road, Fishkill  
 10th Dist. Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill  
 11th Dist. Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill  
 12th Dist. Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill  
 13th Dist. Wingate at Dutchess, 3 Summit Court, Fishkill  
 14th Dist. Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill  
 15th Dist. Fishkill Center for Rehab & Nursing, 22 Robert R. Kasin Way, Beacon  
 16th Dist. Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill

**HYDE PARK****FIRST WARD**

1st Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #4, 159 South Cross Road, Staatsburg  
 2nd Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #5, 47 Old Post Road, Staatsburg  
 3rd Dist. North Park Elementary School, 1593 Route 9G, Hyde Park  
 4th Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #1, 9 Cardinal Road, Hyde Park

**SECOND WARD**

1st Dist. Hyde Park Town Hall, 4383 Route 9, Hyde Park  
 2nd Dist. Hyde Park Town Hall, 4383 Route 9, Hyde Park  
 3rd Dist. Hyde Park Town Hall, 4383 Route 9, Hyde Park  
 4th Dist. St. Peter's School, 12 Father Cody Plaza, Poughkeepsie

**THIRD WARD**

1st Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #3, 830 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park  
 2nd Dist. St. Peter's School, 12 Father Cody Plaza, Poughkeepsie  
 3rd Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #3, 830 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park  
 4th Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #3, 830 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park

**FOURTH WARD**

1st Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #2, 265 Cream Street, Poughkeepsie  
 2nd Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #1, 9 Cardinal Road, Hyde Park  
 3rd Dist. North Park Elementary School, 1593 Route 9G, Hyde Park  
 4th Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #2, 265 Cream Street, Poughkeepsie

**LAGRANGE**

1st Dist. LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville  
 2nd Dist. LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville  
 3rd Dist. LaGrange Fire House #3 (Southwest LaGrange), 21 Red Oaks Mill Road, Poughkeepsie  
 4th Dist. LaGrange Fire House #3 (Southwest LaGrange), 21 Red Oaks Mill Road, Poughkeepsie  
 5th Dist. Overlook Primary School, 11 Mapleview Road Extension, Poughkeepsie  
 6th Dist. Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Community Room, 1168 Route 55, LaGrangeville  
 7th Dist. LaGrange Fire House #1 (Billings), 2388 Route 82, LaGrangeville  
 8th Dist. Overlook Primary School, 11 Mapleview Road Extension, Poughkeepsie  
 9th Dist. Saint Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, LaGrangeville  
 10th Dist. Saint Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, LaGrangeville  
 11th Dist. LaGrange Fire House #2, 504 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie  
 12th Dist. Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Community Room, 1168 Route 55, LaGrangeville

**MILAN**

1st Dist. Milan - Wilcox Memorial Building Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle (off Route 199), Milan  
 2nd Dist. Milan - Wilcox Memorial Building Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle (off Route 199), Milan

**NORTH EAST**

1st Dist. North East - Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Boulevard, Millerton  
 2nd Dist. North East - Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Boulevard, Millerton  
 3rd Dist. North East - Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Boulevard, Millerton

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**PAWLING**

1st Dist. Lathrop Center at Lakeside Park, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling  
2nd Dist. Lathrop Center at Lakeside Park, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling  
3rd Dist. Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association, 239 Route 292, Holmes  
4th Dist. Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Boulevard, Pawling  
5th Dist. Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Boulevard, Pawling  
6th Dist. Lathrop Center at Lakeside Park, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling

**PINE PLAINS**

1st Dist. Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains  
2nd Dist. Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains

**PLEASANT VALLEY**

1st Dist. Traver Road Primary School, 801 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley  
2nd Dist. West Road Intermediate School, 181 West Road, Pleasant Valley  
3rd Dist. West Road Intermediate School, 181 West Road, Pleasant Valley  
4th Dist. Traver Road Primary School, 801 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley  
5th Dist. Traver Road Primary School, 801 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley  
6th Dist. Salt Point Fire House, 30 Cottage Street, Salt Point  
7th Dist. Salt Point Fire House, 30 Cottage Street, Salt Point

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE****FIRST WARD**

1st Dist. Sheafe Road Elementary School, 287 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls  
2nd Dist. New Hamburg Fire House, Station #1, 15 Channingville Road, Wappingers Falls  
3rd Dist. East End Fire House #2 (New Hamburg Fire District), 2886 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls  
4th Dist. Sheafe Road Elementary School, 287 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls  
5th Dist. East End Fire House #2 (New Hamburg Fire District), 2886 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls

**SECOND WARD**

1st Dist. Vassar Road Elementary School, 174 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Oak Grove Elementary School, 40 Kerr Road, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Spackenkill High School, 112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie  
4th Dist. Vassar Road Elementary School, 174 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie  
5th Dist. Oak Grove Elementary School, 40 Kerr Road, Poughkeepsie

**THIRD WARD**

1st Dist. Poughkeepsie Town Hall, 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Poughkeepsie Town Hall, 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Rochdale Fire House (Arlington Station #4), 1075 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie  
4th Dist. Town of Poughkeepsie Police Community Room, 19 Tucker Drive, Poughkeepsie  
5th Dist. Rochdale Fire House (Arlington Station #4), 1075 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie  
6th Dist. Poughkeepsie Town Hall, 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie

**FOURTH WARD**

1st Dist. Town of Poughkeepsie Police Community Room, 19 Tucker Drive, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Rochdale Fire House (Arlington Station #4), 1075 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Violet Avenue School, 191 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
4th Dist. Violet Avenue School, 191 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
5th Dist. Town of Poughkeepsie Police Community Room, 19 Tucker Drive, Poughkeepsie

**FIFTH WARD**

1st Dist. St. Simeon II, 9 Hilltop Court, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center, 14 Abe's Way, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center, 14 Abe's Way, Poughkeepsie  
4th Dist. Spackenkill High School, 112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie

**SIXTH WARD**

1st Dist. Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority, 1 LaGrange Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
4th Dist. Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority, 1 LaGrange Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
5th Dist. Spackenkill High School, 112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie  
6th Dist. Spackenkill High School, 112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie

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RED HOOK  
1st Dist. Tivoli Fire House, 2 Tivoli Commons, Tivoli  
2nd Dist. Red Hook High School, 103 West Market Street, Red Hook  
3rd Dist. St. John's Reformed Church, 126 Old Post Road North, Red Hook  
4th Dist. Red Hook High School, 103 West Market Street, Red Hook  
5th Dist. St John's Episcopal Church, 1114 River Road, Barrytown  
6th Dist. Red Hook Fire House, 42 Firehouse Lane, Red Hook  
7th Dist. Red Hook Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook  
8th Dist. Red Hook Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook

**RHINEBECK**

1st Dist. Arbor Ridge at Brookmeade, 11 Mountain Laurel Lane, Rhinebeck  
2nd Dist. Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market Street, Rhinebeck  
3rd Dist. Starr Library, 68 West Market Street, Rhinebeck  
4th Dist. Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market Street, Rhinebeck  
5th Dist. Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market Street, Rhinebeck  
6th Dist. Starr Library, 68 West Market Street, Rhinebeck  
7th Dist. Arbor Ridge at Brookmeade, 11 Mountain Laurel Lane, Rhinebeck

**STANFORD**

1st Dist. Stanford Town Hall-Ground Level, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville  
2nd Dist. Stanford Town Hall-Upper Level, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville  
3rd Dist. Stanford Town Hall-Ground Level, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville

**UNION VALE**

1st Dist. Senior Citizen Center, Tymor Park Barn Complex, 6 Tymor Park Road, LaGrangeville  
2nd Dist. Senior Citizen Center, Tymor Park Barn Complex, 6 Tymor Park Road, LaGrangeville  
3rd Dist. Union Vale Fire House, Station #1, 3373 Route 82, Verbank  
4th Dist. Union Vale Fire House, Station #1, 3373 Route 82, Verbank

**WAPPINGER****FIRST WARD**

1st Dist. Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls  
2nd Dist. Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls  
3rd Dist. Hughsonville Fire House, 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls  
4th Dist. Hughsonville Fire House, 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls  
5th Dist. Imperial Gardens Apartment Complex, 5101 Princess Circle, Wappingers Falls

**SECOND WARD**

1st Dist. Hughsonville Fire House, 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls  
2nd Dist. Chelsea Fire House, 16 Liberty Street, Wappingers Falls  
3rd Dist. Chelsea Fire House, 16 Liberty Street, Wappingers Falls  
4th Dist. Hughsonville Fire House, 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls  
5th Dist. Mid-Hudson Chinese Christian Church, 306 All Angels Hill Road, Wappingers Falls  
6th Dist. Hughsonville Fire House, 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls

**THIRD WARD**

1st Dist. Imperial Gardens Apartment Complex, 5101 Princess Circle, Wappingers Falls  
2nd Dist. Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls  
3rd Dist. Myers Corners Elementary School, 156 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls  
4th Dist. Mid-Hudson Chinese Christian Church, 306 All Angels Hill Road, Wappingers Falls  
5th Dist. Myers Corners Elementary School, 156 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls  
6th Dist. Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls

**FOURTH WARD**

1st Dist. New Hackensack Fire House, 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls  
2nd Dist. New Hackensack Fire House, 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls  
3rd Dist. Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls  
4th Dist. Mid-Hudson Chinese Christian Church, 306 All Angels Hill Road, Wappingers Falls  
5th Dist. New Hackensack Fire House, 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls

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WASHINGTON

1st Dist. Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front Street, Millbrook  
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3rd Dist. Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front Street, Millbrook  
4th Dist. Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front Street, Millbrook

CITY OF BEACONFIRST WARD

1st Dist. Lewis Tompkins Hose Company Route 9D Entrance, 13 South Avenue, Beacon  
2nd Dist. Rombout Middle School, 84 Matteawan Road (Gymnasium Entrance), Beacon

SECOND WARD

1st Dist. Lewis Tompkins Hose Company Route 9D Entrance, 13 South Avenue, Beacon  
2nd Dist. Lewis Tompkins Hose Company Route 9D Entrance, 13 South Avenue, Beacon  
3rd Dist. Lewis Tompkins Hose Company Route 9D Entrance, 13 South Avenue, Beacon

THIRD WARD

1st Dist. Rombout Middle School, 84 Matteawan Road (Gymnasium Entrance), Beacon  
2nd Dist. James V. Forrestal Elementary School, 125 Liberty Street, Beacon  
3rd Dist. James V. Forrestal Elementary School, 125 Liberty Street, Beacon

FOURTH WARD

1st Dist. City of Beacon Memorial Building, 413 Main Street, Beacon  
2nd Dist. City of Beacon Memorial Building, 413 Main Street, Beacon

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIEFIRST WARD

1st Dist. Interfaith Towers, 66 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Interfaith Towers, 66 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Interfaith Towers, 66 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie

SECOND WARD

1st Dist. Mid-Hudson Library, Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Mid-Hudson Library, Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Manor at Woodside, 168 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie

THIRD WARD

1st Dist. Beulah Baptist Church, 92 Catharine Street, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Beulah Baptist Church, 92 Catharine Street, Poughkeepsie

FOURTH WARD

1st Dist. Manor at Woodside, 168 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. St. Simeon Apartments, Community Room, 700 Second Mile Drive, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Unitarian Universalist Church, 67 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
4th Dist. Manor at Woodside, 168 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie

FIFTH WARD

1st Dist. Warring School Gymnasium, 283 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Warring School Gymnasium, 283 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Warring School Gymnasium, 283 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie

SIXTH WARD

1st Dist. Beth-El Church of God in Christ - Rear Entrance, 91 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Beth-El Church of God in Christ - Rear Entrance, 91 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. City of Poughkeepsie Public Safety Building, 505 Main Street, Poughkeepsie

SEVENTH WARD

1st Dist. Poughkeepsie Middle School Lobby, 55 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. Salvation Army, 19 Pershing Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. Poughkeepsie Middle School Lobby, 55 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie

EIGHTH WARD

1st Dist. Krieger School Gymnasium - Whittier Boulevard Entrance, 265 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
2nd Dist. St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Boulevard, Poughkeepsie  
3rd Dist. St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Boulevard, Poughkeepsie  
4th Dist. Krieger School Gymnasium - Whittier Boulevard Entrance, 265 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie

**The following poll sites have been designated as early voting sites:**

Dutchess County Board of Elections, 47 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie

Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill

Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market Street, Rhinebeck

Town of Poughkeepsie Police Community Room, 19 Tucker Drive, Poughkeepsie

Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front Street, Millbrook

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Honorable Maria Rosa, J.S.C.  
Supreme Court of the State of New York  
County of Dutchess  
10 Market Street  
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***Sent by Fax to (845) 431-1726***

Re: *Andrew Goodman Foundation, et al. v. Dutchess County Board of Elections, et al.*  
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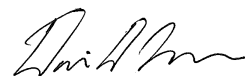
Dear Judge Rosa:

As you know, I represent Commissioner Erik Haight in the above-captioned matter. I write to advise the Court that Commissioner Haight assents to the proposed order submitted to the Court as Doc. No. 60.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

**DAVID JENSEN PLLC**



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cc: All Counsel  
(By Email)

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Hon. Maria G. Rosa  
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10 Market St  
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**Re: Andrew Goodman Foundation et al vs. Dutchess County Board of  
Elections Dutchess County Index No. 2020-52737**

Dear Judge Rosa:

In reply to your Court Notice dated October 30, 2020, Democratic Elections Commissioner Elizabeth Soto, hereby consents and approves the Proposed Order designating an additional polling site in Red Hook Election District #5 at Bard College in both form and content.

We firmly believe that the resolution of this matter by this consent Order is permissible and lawful under the Election Law of the State of New York.

Very truly yours,

*s/James E. Long*

**JAMES E. LONG, ESQ.**

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