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**Vote NO on Initiative 83 Ready to Examine/Challenge Petitions**  
*Ranked Choice Voting & Semi-Open Primaries Rejected*

Members of Vote NO on Initiative 83 are ready to vigorously examine and potentially challenge the signatures submitted to the DC Board of Elections (BOE) to put I83 on the ballot. The first step is a request to the BOE to have two representatives present for the BOE's preliminary count and verification of the preliminary requirements of the signatures. The Vote No committee will fully utilize the BOE's extra open hours (listed below) to examine the submitted documents fully.

I83 is a direct attack by special interest money to suppress the voting of Black and Brown residents, seniors, people with disabilities, and those for whom English is not their first language in the District.

Both Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) and Chairman Phil Mendelson have expressed opposition to I83. The D.C. Democratic Party (the cityside organization of the Democratic Party) has previously voted separately against Initiative 83's provisions for ranked choice voting and partially open primaries.

*A pdf of this press release is available here [www.voteno83.com/news-press](http://www.voteno83.com/news-press)*

*The challenge period is Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 8:30 am and ends on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 4:45 pm. During the challenge period, in addition to its normal weekday hours of 8:15 am to 4:45 pm, BOE will also be open on holidays and weekends (Thursday, July 4; Saturday, July 6; Sunday, July 7; and Saturday, July 13, 2024) from 8:30 am to 4:45 pm.*

Paid for by Vote No on Initiative 83 | Neena Murphy Martin, Treasurer | Deirdre Brown, Chair | 14 Ridge Square, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20016. A copy of our report is filed with the Director of Campaign Finance of the District of Columbia Board of Elections.

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