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NO on 83 Starts Challenge Period at Board of Elections
Ranked Choice Voting, Semi-Open Primaries Rejected

Members of Vote NO on Initiative 83 were at the DC Board of Elections (BOE) Tuesday, July 3, to formally watch the BOE start the certification of the petition pages turned in by the proponents of Initiative 83, the ballot initiative that would bring Ranked Choice Voting and semi-open primaries to DC. The first step was for BOE employees to hand count each page and signature and make a preliminary determination that the I-83 proponents had met minimum access requirements. Next, on July 4th, at 8:30 am, the BOE will begin to verify each signature and the petitions will be posted for public inspection. The challenge period ends July 13, 2024, at 4:45 pm.

“We will be present at BOE for each step of the process and are ready to examine and potentially, and vigorously, challenge the signatures submitted,” said Gaby L. Fraser, a member of Vote NO on Initiative 83. “We cannot allow I-83 to get on the ballot.”

I83 is a direct attack by special interest money to confuse and 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.

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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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