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Vote NO on 83 Challenged Yes Petitions ***Use of Whiteout (that's correct, Whiteout) Disputed***

On Saturday, July 13, 2024, Vote NO on Initiative 83 filed a challenge with the DC Board of Elections (BOE) to block the initiative from being certified for the November ballot. Since the challenge period began on July 3, 2024, volunteers from across the District have scrutinized 8,528 pages of petition signatures. While the BOE has 30 days to review the petitions, challengers were allowed only 10 days to examine the 40,000 signatures. I-83 would, if passed by the voters, bring Ranked Choice Voting and semi-open primaries to the city.

“We are confident that many of the 40,000 signatures will not survive a fair and impartial BOE review, thereby preventing I-83 from reaching the November ballot. Numerous signatures appear to have been fraudulently altered. We have requested that the BOE invalidate any pages where whiteout has been used to alter names, addresses, or circulator affidavits—a clear violation,” stated Deirdre Brown, Chair of Vote NO on Initiative 83. “If circulators can manipulate entries with whiteout after petitioners have signed, it undermines the integrity of the entire process.”

The dispute centers around the use of whiteout by pro-Initiative 83 circulators to correct signer addresses, printed names, and circulator affidavits. Whiteout obscures the original information entered on the petitions, impeding a fair and thorough examination.

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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.