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## **Vote NO on Initiative 83 Request Emergency Hearing** ***Integrity of Petition Process at Stake***

Proponents of Initiative 83 recently admitted to using Wite-Out on submitted petition pages. The crucial questions now are who used the Wite-Out and for what purposes. Vote NO on Initiative 83 is urging the Board of Elections (BOE) to convene an emergency hearing and issue a ruling on the use of Wite-Out by pro-Initiative 83 circulators. They want BOE to issue a ruling on the use of Wite-Out by pro-Initiative 83 circulators to correct signer addresses, printed names, and circulator affidavits before the petitions are sent to the Data Analysis and Visualization Division.

Deirdre Brown, Chair of Vote NO on Initiative 83, emphasized, “Before determining the validity of signatures meeting the 5% threshold in five of the eight wards, we must address whether pages with Wite-Out will be included in the analysis. This issue extends beyond I83; allowing Wite-Out for altering petition pages could establish a concerning precedent for all future candidate and initiative petitions. We urge the Council and Attorney General to weigh in on this questionable practice.”

Vote NO has consistently petitioned the BOE to invalidate any pages where Wite-Out was used to alter names, addresses, or circulator affidavits. The integrity of the petition gathering process hinges on the honesty of circulators, and any pages tainted by tampering should be rejected.

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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.