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DC Board of Elections I-83 Decision Expected Friday

Vote No Says Use of Wite-Out Invalidates Signatures

The DC Board of Elections (BOE) will hold its monthly general body meeting on Friday, August 2, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Monica Evans, BOE Executive Director, will report on the petition verification results for Initiative 83. If certified, Initiative 83 will appear on the November 2024 ballot. The initiative proposes introducing ranked choice voting in the District and permitting no-party voters to participate in DC primaries. Supporters of Vote NO on Initiative 83 will be present and will closely monitor the announcement.

“Vote NO on Initiative 83 has consistently urged the BOE to invalidate any pages where Wite-Out was used to alter names, addresses or circulator affidavits,” said Deirdre Brown, Chair of Vote NO on Initiative 83. “The integrity of the petition gathering process depends on the honesty of circulators, and any pages tainted by tampering should be rejected. The use of Wite-Out opens the door to all types of manipulation by petition submitters in the future.”

Members of Vote NO on Initiative 83 who were designated as official “watchers” by the BOE have repeatedly complained about being denied full access to the counting and verification of petitions submitted by the pro-Initiative 83 group. Their observation was restricted because BOE personnel were spread across separate cubicles on the 6th and 7th floors of the BOE headquarters on Half St. SE. Additionally, the watchers were unable to leave without an escort and had limited visibility of computer screens, further restricting their ability to observe the count and ensure it was conducted properly.

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