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In Re: Nomination Petition of Amen Brown as Democratic Candidate for Representative in the General Assembly for the 10th District of Philadelphia

ELECTION MATTER

No:

Objection of: Sajda Blackwell

PETITION TO SET ASIDE NOMINATION PETITION

Petitioner, Sajda Blackwell, by and through counsel, respectfully aver the following:

- 1. The Petitioner is a duly qualified elector resident in the same listed Judicial District and party as the Candidate.
- 2. The respondent is the above reference Democratic Candidate for Representative in the General Assembly, District 10.
- 3. On or before March 28, 2022, the Candidate filed Nomination Petitions with the Department of State.
- 4. Candidate signed the affidavit and affixed his current address in Philadelphia as 33 S. Ruby St. A copy is attached as *Exhibit A*.
- 5. The qualification requirements to run for public office as Representative in General Assembly are 21 years of age, 4 year inhabitant of State, 1 year inhabitant of District, and U.S Citizen for 4 years.
- 6. Candidate's current address is in the old 190th District and the new 10th District.
- 7. While Candidate's previous address, 3600 Conshohocken Ave, is both in the old and new 190th district, not in the 10th district.
- 8. Candidate changed addresses on December 20, 2021 and remained in the 190th District with the new address until the new districting.
- 9. Accordingly, Candidate has only been in the 10th District for approximately 3 months and does not have the required time to run as Representative in General Assembly for the 10th District and instead should be running for the 190th District.
- 10. Furthermore, there is reason to believe that Candidate does not actually reside at 33 S. Ruby Street, which furthers the point that he is not qualified to run for the 10th District.
- 11. The affidavit states: "I do swear (or affirm) that my residence, my election district and the name of the office for which I desire to be a candidate are as specified below, that I am eligible for said office, and that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law regulating and limiting nomination" *DSBE-PBCA*
- 12. As a current elected official, Candidate is aware of the requirements necessary to run and qualify for office in any particular district and has not met those requirements in violation of his signed affidavit.

- 13. Section 910 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §2870, provides that nomination petitions must contain a Candidates Affidavit.
- 14. Since Candidate's Affidavit is false and deceptive in nature, it is therefore not amendable and is void.
- 15. Therefore, Candidate's nomination petitions do not contain a Candidate Affidavit and Candidate is not eligible for placement on the ballot.
- 16. Petitioner requests that Candidate's nomination petitions are set aside.
- 17. Petitioner respectfully reserve the right to add such additional objections as are appropriate at the time of hearing.

WHEREFORE, for each of the aforementioned reasons, the Nomination Petition therefore fails to conform to the requirements of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §2870 et seq., and must be set aside and the Candidate's name not be placed on the ballot or stricken from the ballot. Furthermore, there is a request for attorney's fees in the amount \$4000 due to the bad faith, fraud and ethical violations with the actions taken and all cost and fees associated with the filing of this petition and any other damages allowable under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 31, 2022

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210 NORTH DIFFICE BLDG. HARRISBURG, PA 17120



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District Number (if applicable): 10th Legislative District				365
Email address:				
Name as it is to appear on the Ballot: Amen Brown				
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