

**IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

In re: Nomination Papers of Claudia :  
De La Cruz and Karina Garcia as the :  
Socialism and Liberation Candidates :  
for President and Vice President of :  
the United States in the November 5, :  
2024 General Election :  
:  
Objection of: Alexander Reber and :  
Janneken Smucker : No. 379 M.D. 2024

**SCHEDULING and CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

**PER CURIAM**

NOW, August 9, 2024, upon consideration of the Petition to Set Aside  
Nomination Papers (Objection Petition):

**1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

A. A hearing on the issues raised in the Objection Petition, other than signature challenges, is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom Number 3002, Pennsylvania Judicial Center, 601 Commonwealth Avenue Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Unless counsel have stipulated, in writing, to any issues of fact necessary to the consideration of these Objections, Objectors are directed to secure the services of a court stenographer for the hearing, as well as the presence of a **Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE)** system operator, if necessary to the determinations of facts **other than signature challenges**. Failure of Objectors to secure the services of a court stenographer may result in the dismissal of this matter.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This matter is being scheduled at the same time as the Objection Petition in No. 380 M.D. 2024. Objectors in the two cases shall coordinate to secure the services of one court stenographer for the hearings.

B. To the extent that signature lines are challenged, a hearing on such challenges, if necessary, shall be heard at a subsequent date to be determined on August 14, 2024.

C. Service of the Objection Petition on Candidates and this Order on all parties is complete upon the posting of the Objection Petition and this Order on the Court's website in accordance with this Court's Notice and Order in *In re: Objections to Nomination Petitions/Papers of Candidates for Statewide and State-Level Office* (Pa. Cmwlth., No. 126 Misc. Dkt. No. 3, July 19, 2023).

D. At the hearing on August 14, 2024, Objectors shall offer proof of timely service of the Objection Petition on the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

E. Objectors and Candidates **shall** each file a memorandum of law in support of their respective positions on issues other than signature challenges by **12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 13, 2024**. No further memoranda will be permitted except as ordered by the Court.

**2. To the extent that a hearing on signature challenges is scheduled, it is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall comply with the following in advance of the hearing:**

A. On or before noon on the day before the hearing, Objectors shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert report for each expert witness. Any witness not identified may be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.

B. On or before noon on the day before the hearing Candidates shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert report for each expert witness. Any witness not identified may be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.

C. Objectors shall secure, by request or subpoena, the presence of a **Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE)** system operator at that hearing.

**3. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall comply with the following in advance of the hearing on signature challenges:**

A. Objectors and Candidates or Candidates' representative and, if appropriate, a SURE system operator, shall meet to review each and every challenged signature line.

B. On or before noon on the day before the hearing, Objectors and Candidates shall file a written stipulation of the parties that identifies:

- (a) the total number of completed signature lines submitted;
- (b) the total number of uncontested signature lines submitted;
- (c) the total number of signature lines challenged;
- (d) each and every signature line to which there is an objection, identified by page number and line number, and the basis for the objection;
- (e) each and every signature line to be stricken as invalid or for which an objection is to be withdrawn, identified by page number and line number, if the parties can reach such a stipulation.

C. Candidates shall file a list of all signature lines, identified by page number and line number, that are facially defective and that Candidates intend to rehabilitate. Candidates shall also state the manner in which Candidates intend to rehabilitate the signature lines.

4. Filing of all required items may be accomplished by PACFile (the Pennsylvania appellate court electronic filing system) or by email to [CommCourtFiling@pacourts.us](mailto:CommCourtFiling@pacourts.us). Parties may **not** file by facsimile without express prior permission from the Court.

5. Failure to comply with any provision of this Order may preclude the noncompliant party from entering any evidence, and may result in the imposition of monetary sanctions.