IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA MIDDLE DISTRICT

Republican National Committee

and Republican Party of

Pennsylvania,

No. 108 MM 2024

Petitioners

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Al Schmidt, Secretary of the

Commonwealth, et alia,

v.

:

Respondents

RESPONSE OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON TO PETITIONERS' APPLICATION FOR THE EXERCISE OF KINGS BENCH OR EXTRAORDINARY JURISDICTION

Respondent, County of Northampton ("Northampton"), through undersigned counsel, hereby opposes the Application for Kings Bench or Extraordinary Jurisdiction for the reasons set forth below.

1. Northampton will begin over-the-counter same day balloting in a few days. When a mail-in ballot is requested in person, filled out and immediately returned, if the employee at the counter accepting the mail-in ballot identifies a mistake on the outside of the envelope, the voter is permitted to rectify the mistake. Therefore, it is possible that voters will begin curing errors, as they have been doing for four years, within a few days. Changing to process that has been in place for years is not fair to either voters that cured their ballots or voters subsequently denied an opportunity to cure and therefore the Application should be denied at this time.

2. Northampton joins in the reasoning presented by Lehigh County, Delaware County and those other parties who oppose this Application.

For all the foregoing reasons, Northampton respectfully requests that this Honorable Court deny the Application for the Exercise of Kings Bench or Extraordinary Jurisdiction.

Date: September 20, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Michael J. Vargo, certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Date: September 20, 2024

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