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## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

DAVID McCORMICK,

v.

NO. 2024-07272

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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and

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BUCKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## **ORDER**

AND NOW, this 1944 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that at the hearing to be held on November 20, 2024, counsel for the parties shall be prepared to address whether this Court has jurisdiction over the matters in dispute.

The Court notes that jurisdiction in this Court may be proper under 23 Pa.C.S. Sec. 3050(a.4)(4)(v), which directs that appeals from Board of Elections provisional ballot decisions are to proceed in the Court of Common Pleas. However, both outstanding Petitions cite to Sec. 3157(a) as the purported basis for this Court's jurisdiction. Section 3157(a) appears to direct that appeals should proceed directly to Commonwealth Court when there is a recount under Section 3154. As the litigants are certainly aware, the Court notes that the Secretary of the Commonwealth has ordered a recount in the United States Senate race under 23 Pa.C.S. Sec. 3154.

BY THE COURT:

JORDÁN B. YEAGER, J.