IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: 2024 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT QUESTION CHALLENGE PROCEDURES

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: GD-24-11366

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 19th day of November 2024, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that all ballot and post-election challenges related to the 2024 General Election must be filed no later than November 20, 2024. These post-election challenges shall proceed under the following guidelines:

- 1. All post-election challenges involving mail-in ballots, absentee ballots, provisional ballots, or any other challenges brought by a candidate or party will be heard beginning on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** The hearings will take place in **Courtroom 709** at the City-County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.
- 2. All grounds for objections or challenges must be clearly stated with specificity in the Objection Petition(s) or by the challenging party. Parties are encouraged to submit briefs with their pleadings when filing or opposing challenges.
- 3. All parties represented by counsel must make a good faith effort to communicate with opposing parties, including unrepresented parties, to discuss the challenges. Parties should seek to stipulate to facts and narrow the issues to be presented to the Court.
- 4. At the hearing, the challenging party must provide proof of timely service of the challenge to the Allegheny County Board of Elections and any other necessary parties.
- 5. All parties shall file a list of witnesses expected to testify at the hearing, along with the curriculum vitae and expert report for any expert witnesses. Failure to identify a witness may result in their exclusion from testifying, except upon a showing of good cause.

6. Parties may file memoranda of law in support of their positions. No additional memoranda will be permitted unless expressly authorized by the Court.

It must be emphasized that any legal documents filed with the Allegheny County Department of Court Records ("DCR") does NOT provide notice. All documents should be filed with DCR, served on the opposing party, AND emailed to the judicial staff at jkaur@alleghenycourts.us and amcvay@alleghenycourts.us. Please do not mail anything to Judge McVay's chambers unless it is the only means of providing Judge McVay with a copy.

Additionally, all parties are to review Judge McVay's Operating Procedures that can be found on the Fifth Judicial District's Website.

BY THE COURT: