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DCBOE's Response to Vote No on Initiative 83 Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In a press release issued on Monday, July 8, 2024, the Vote No on Initiative 83 Committee misrepresented the communications between the District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) and Committee officials.

In the press release, the Vote No on Initiative 83 Committee wrote:

“The members of Vote NO on Initiative 83 who have been designated as official ‘watchers’ by the DC Board of Elections (BOE) have been denied full access to the official counting and verification of the petitions submitted by the pro Initiative 83 group. The ‘watching’ is restricted because BOE personnel are spread out in separate cubicles on the 7th and 6th floor of the BOE’s headquarters on Half St. SE. In addition, the NO on 83 watchers have been assigned folding chairs in designated areas and cannot leave without an escort. This further limits the watchers freedom to observe the count and make sure it’s correct.”

The Committee has not been restricted from accessing DCBOE team members. DCBOE has communicated and answered questions/requests about the watcher process and observer protocols. Below is a response that DCBOE provided to the Vote No on Initiative 83 Committee on Monday, July 8, 2024:

“You have not been restricted from accessing team members working on this process, and so, we will continue to ensure you have access to every person working I-83. Unfortunately, we do not have a single designated area that will accommodate everyone working on the validation process.”

The District of Columbia Board of Elections is an independent agency of the District of Columbia Government responsible for the administration of elections, ballot access, and voter registration.

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