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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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The District of Columbia Board of Elections convened via Video-Teleconference, pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m. EST, Gary Thompson, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

- GARY THOMPSON, Chair
- KARYN GREENFIELD, Member
- J.C. BOGGS, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

- MONICA HOLMAN EVANS, Director
- TERRI D. STROUD, General Counsel
- CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Office of Campaign Finance
- WILLIAM SANFORD, Office of General Counsel
- ALICE MILLER, Executive Director

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 (10:34 a.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Good morning,
4 everybody. Happy Monday after a fabulous
5 Thanksgiving break. I hope everybody had a
6 wonderful Thanksgiving and a good weekend. We're
7 all doing our best to get going here on Monday
8 morning and it's a cold one as well, so,
9 welcome. Thanks for joining us, everybody on
10 Zoom.

11 My name is Gary Thompson, the Chair of
12 the DC Board of Elections. To my right is J.C.
13 Boggs, fellow Board member. And also with us by
14 Zoom is Karyn Greenfield, the third member of our
15 Board.

16 We're all here. We have a quorum. We
17 are open for business and the first we do is
18 adopt our agenda. We've all had a chance to look
19 at that and at this time I move that we adopt the
20 agenda that's been distributed.

21 MEMBER BOGGS: Second.

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor.

1 (Chorus of ayes.)

2 CHAIR THOMPSON: Second, at this time,
3 I would move that we approve the minutes from our
4 last regular meeting, which was October 2nd.
5 We've all had a chance to review those, they look
6 good to me. So, I would move --

7 MEMBER BOGGS: Second.

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor.

9 (Chorus of ayes.)

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: The minutes are
11 adopted. Okay, well the main thing we're going
12 to do today among some other matters, but the
13 main thing is we're going to certify the election
14 results from November 5th general election.

15 Before we go through those
16 formalities, I just want to take a few minutes
17 and say a whole lot of thank you's, not enough
18 thank you's. I could be here and talk about
19 every person at the BOE.

20 I want to start with our hundreds of
21 election workers that took the time to train here
22 at our BOE over the course of many months going

1 back to July, August, September, October. I want
2 to thank our BOE staff, Rich Thompson and others,
3 who took a lot of time to train those election
4 workers. We simply could not conduct this
5 election or any other election without those
6 many, many workers. I have gotten to know dozens
7 of them, many more than a hundred of them
8 personally because I love to visit the voting
9 centers.

10 This year, like the last couple of
11 election cycles, I rode my bike to every single
12 early voting center and, you know, I can see
13 first-hand that a lot of our election workers are
14 with us election after election after election.
15 In some cases, going back 10, 20, and even 30
16 years. A lot of really impressive people that
17 really know what they're doing and, you know,
18 when the moment comes on Election Day, they make
19 things happen at the election centers from our
20 site coordinators, who are usually quite
21 experienced, down to our, you know, first time
22 election workers from local colleges and even

1 high schools. It's just really, really an
2 impressive group of people that are so important
3 to this process.

4 Also, I want to thank everybody at our
5 warehouse. These are the staff that do a lot of
6 the physical work loading and unloading hundreds
7 and hundreds of election machines, equipment,
8 printers. It's really quite impressive when you
9 think about how do you stage -- physically, how
10 do you stage 75 voting centers to be up to speed
11 and in operation on a single day, November 5th,
12 and in 25 of those cases, for a couple of weeks,
13 you know, beforehand for early voting.

14 It is no small task. That's a pretty
15 incredible effort by our staff that work at the
16 warehouse. And then, I don't know how many,
17 hundreds of election workers, who spent their
18 time at the warehouse as well, helping us count
19 ballots, feed ballots. It's quite an operation
20 over there that we conduct. So, a big thank you
21 to everybody at the warehouse.

22 Next, our IT team is just incredible,

1 like Randy over here, who's running this meeting.
2 But Randy, among many others, I mean, that's the
3 critical -- that is one of the critical, if not
4 the most critical, link in the election process
5 to make sure that when everybody votes at all of
6 these voting centers, that everything is working,
7 everything is connected, you know, all of our
8 technology is operable and safe and secure. And
9 so once again, I'm proud to share that process
10 worked incredibly well this election cycle. We
11 had no major hiccups, no issues, no glitches, no
12 problems.

13 It all went incredibly smoothly at all
14 75 election centers and also went very smoothly
15 from the point of view of getting our results in
16 and counted and in the manner in which we were
17 able to release our election results on a very
18 efficient basis that evening, November 5th, and
19 each day thereafter we continued to count mail
20 ballots that were coming in for that 10-day
21 window and continually updating and releasing our
22 election results as we went along.

1 Our Registrar, Marissa Corrente, and
2 her staff has done incredible work throughout
3 this cycle going back to shortly after the
4 primary election when things started all over
5 again for the general and, you know, candidates
6 came in and registered.

7 The general election cycle is
8 particularly busy for the registrar because it's
9 the one that involves the election of hundreds of
10 ANC candidates, so each one dutifully following
11 the process of submitting, nominating forms and
12 petitions, signatures that have to be counted and
13 verified, et cetera. The registrar's office has
14 done an incredible job throughout that process
15 including the 20 or so challenges that we
16 adjudicated a few months ago, very, very heavy
17 burdens on the registrar's office, especially at
18 that time, but all the way through Election Day
19 itself, of course, you know.

20 The Board of Registration going back
21 to, you know, all year long, so many hours and so
22 many places registering so many voters to open

1 our doors to all qualified electors at hundreds
2 of different locations across D.C. All the way
3 up to Election Day itself, where we have same-day
4 registration. It's an incredibly busy aspect of
5 our work.

6 Our Restore the Vote effort at the DC
7 prison, you know, incredible work there to make
8 sure that those who are incarcerated can continue
9 to vote as our law allows, and every other aspect
10 of our operations.

11 It's just -- it's too much for me to
12 mention everything and mention everybody by name,
13 but it really is incredibly impressive. Our full
14 time BOE staff I can see, you know, works so hard
15 around the clock. I've worked in, I think, six
16 different offices in my career, legal offices, I
17 just have never seen a more dedicated group of
18 professionals, who are skilled and efficient and
19 who have that amazing ability to keep calm and
20 carry on no matter what the situation is. So a
21 heartfelt thanks to everybody.

22 You know, a note of thanks and

1 personal gratitude to Terri Stroud and the entire
2 legal staff. What we do here is very -- very
3 legally heavy work. Every question we get has a
4 note or regulatory provision that we have to know
5 about or consult or interpret. You know, we
6 can't anticipate the dozens or hundreds of
7 questions and situations that arise in any one
8 election, so we have to constantly be at the
9 ready to field all that as different issues
10 present themselves at our voting centers all the
11 way, you know, through the challenges, not to
12 mention the eight ongoing lawsuits that Terri
13 Stroud will summarize momentarily. It's just an
14 incredible amount of work that our legal team
15 does.

16 And, you know, last, but not least,
17 our leader, Monica Evans, is just an incredible
18 Executive Director, well advised by Alice Miller
19 who is here and many others along the way. You
20 know, we just couldn't do this without our
21 quarterback, our manager, our leader in all
22 things.

1 As a Board member, you know, we have
2 our role here on the Board and we do these
3 meetings and we adjudicate certain matters and we
4 supervise, but largely we're in the role of
5 observers. We're independent, we don't work full
6 time for the BOE. You know, we come and go so --
7 you know I'm a bit sort of a step removed from
8 the every day, the heavy duty work of the BOE,
9 so, you know, I have the pleasure of observing
10 basically what's happening and I just am
11 incredibly impressed with everyone and every
12 group at the BOE. What we do is just fabulous,
13 so.

14 You know, I don't know if I heard a
15 whole lot of our political -- elected officials
16 say it, but our BOE really gets an A-plus for
17 this go round November and going back to the June
18 2024 primary. It's just been an incredibly
19 successful election cycle for us from the point
20 of view of what we do which is we make sure the
21 process is fair and neutral and independent. We
22 don't favor anybody. We administer our election

1 laws as they're written. We make sure they're
2 administered fairly, competently, efficiently so
3 that when game day comes, we're ready. We
4 complete our job. We produce the results and it
5 all just went incredibly well, so those are my
6 overview comments.

7 Before we certify the results, I would
8 also take a moment to mention our Office of
9 Campaign Finance who's independent of us by a
10 certain degree. But that incredible team is over
11 in their group of offices every day doing some
12 really important detailed work to make sure that
13 every campaign, not just candidates, but voter
14 initiatives as well and everything where
15 candidates and groups of citizens have a role in
16 favor of one vote or another vote, you know, that
17 they comply with all of the incredibly important
18 rules for campaign finance.

19 We had no major issues in that regard
20 this year. Everything has gone incredibly well.
21 Their work continues because now that's it over,
22 there's an auditing process that goes on for

1 quite some time to make sure that every candidate
2 files the reports they're supposed to file. The
3 documents, the things they're supposed to
4 document. You know, if there are issues or
5 shortcomings in that regard, their team will
6 carry on with that oversight and, if need be, the
7 issuance of fines and other remedies.

8 So their -- they actually will sort of
9 take the ball from here after we certify these
10 election results and, you know, continue to run
11 out the auditing process probably well into next
12 year. So, a big thank you to OCF as well.

13 I guess a final thank you to my fellow
14 Board members -- J.C. Boggs and Karyn Greenfield.
15 We're at this on a pretty regular basis, so thank
16 you to my fellow Board members. Before I turn it
17 over to Director Evans, I would invite my fellow
18 Board members to make any comment they'd like to
19 make.

20 MEMBER BOGGS: Karyn?

21 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yeah, no, I'm
22 going to reiterate the thanks that you gave,

1 Gary. I know when I went out to the various
2 sites, I heard great things about the Board of
3 Elections and the members. The training itself
4 people gave me great comments about the training,
5 but even the support they got and when they
6 needed help or whatever from our Board of
7 Elections employees, they spoke very highly of
8 them. It seemed like a really good, smooth
9 process, so I want to definitely thank them
10 getting us through this election cycle and on
11 this general election.

12 MEMBER BOGGS: Thanks, Karyn. I echo
13 those comments and, Gary, yours. You went on at
14 some length to make sure to thank everybody, so
15 appreciate that. And you always explain things
16 so well, you're a natural teacher, I'm going to
17 start calling you professor.

18 I didn't bike around all the
19 precincts, but got around to probably a dozen or
20 15 polling booths on Election Day and found the
21 same thing that you and Karyn did with very
22 talented, professional poll workers. Things

1 generally ran fairly smoothly.

2 Most had little to no lines although
3 there were a few downtown that had long, long
4 lines. Folks can these days go to different
5 polling booths, they don't have to go the one
6 that they're registered in and some people opted
7 for that. Most, I think, just decided to stay
8 and wait in line and cast their vote. But I
9 think it went fairly smoothly. I didn't hear of
10 any real big glitches Election Day so thanks to
11 all the poll workers and people involved in this
12 room and in the larger organization for making it
13 successful. So, that's it for me, thanks.

14 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, yeah,
15 thank you. And that reminded in terms of what do
16 we do going forward. We're going to continue to
17 do what we do, which is remain independent.
18 Independent of any political party. Independent
19 of any governmental body, that's our agency's
20 mission. We will continue to faithfully
21 administer the election laws whether they're the
22 same election laws as exist today or whether they

1 might be modified or changed going forward. We
2 don't make the election laws, we don't propose
3 them, we administer them. So, you know, we stand
4 ready to change if we need to change with
5 changing architectural -- legal architecture, but
6 otherwise we're just going to do what we always
7 do, is keep calm and carry on and, you know, keep
8 doing our jobs.

9 So, you know, and we hope that our
10 mayor and our counsel, our ANC commissioners and
11 our citizens appreciate what we do. I often do
12 hear that appreciation, but it's, you know, no
13 small accomplishment what our agency does every
14 day, so.

15 Okay. With that, it's time to certify
16 our election results. So, I will turn things
17 over to the Executive Director, Monica Evans.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Chair. And as
19 you mentioned, the first item of business is
20 certification of the November 5, 2024 general
21 election results. Due to an ongoing review, the
22 ANC 6B04 contest will be certified later and all

1 write-in winners will be posted on our website
2 after this meeting and they will be part of
3 today's certification process.

4 In total, we had 328,871 votes that
5 were counted. We had a 70.80 voter turnout in
6 the District. All contest results, including the
7 write-in results are, or will be, listed on the
8 DC BOE website.

9 The following individuals received the
10 highest number of votes, President of the United
11 States, Kamala D. Harris. Delegate to U.S. House
12 of Representatives, Eleanor Holmes Norton. At
13 Large Member of the Council, Robert White. At
14 Large Member of the Council, Christina D.
15 Henderson. Member of the Council, Ward 2, Brooke
16 Pinto. Member of the Council, Ward 4, Janeese
17 Lewis George. Member of the Council, Ward 7,
18 Wendell Felder.

19 Member of the Council, Ward 8, Trayon White,
20 Sr. United States Senator, Ankit Jane. United
21 States Representative, Oye Owolewa. At Large
22 Member of the State Board of Education, Jacque

1 Paterson. Member of the State Board of
2 Education, Ward 2, Alister Chang. Member of the
3 State Board of Education, Ward 4, T. Michelle
4 Colson. Member of the State Board of Education,
5 Ward 7, Eboni-Rose Thompson. Member of the State
6 Board of Education, Ward 8, LaJoy Johnson-Law.

7 Initiative Measure 83 was approved. Mr.
8 Chair, I ask for a vote to certify the complete
9 November 5, 2024 general election results as
10 listed on our website.

11 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you, the Chair
12 so moves that our Board certify the results that
13 Director Evans just recited.

14 MS. STROUD: And if there is a second,
15 once the second has been made, we will take a
16 roll call vote with respect to the certification
17 of the election results.

18 MEMBER BOGGS: I'll make a second.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: For the roll call,
20 the Chair votes aye.

21 MS. STROUD: Okay, the Chair has voted
22 aye. Mr. Boggs?

1 MEMBER BOGGS: I vote aye.

2 MS. STROUD: Ms. Greenfield?

3 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Vote aye.

4 MS. STROUD: With that, the Board has
5 officially certified the election results of the
6 November 5th, 2024 general election as outlined
7 by the Executive Director.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

9 CHAIR THOMPSON: Can I just take a
10 moment and ask the General Counsel to summarize
11 the challenge process if anyone wishes to
12 challenge these results?

13 MS. STROUD: Yes, pursuant to D.C.
14 Official Code Section 1-1001.11, within seven
15 days after the certification of the election
16 results, which is today, with respect to all
17 contests with the exception of the contest for
18 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for single
19 member district CB04, which will be certified at
20 a later time, individuals may -- candidates may
21 seek recounts of judicial elections -- of
22 elections within seven days from today. And any

1 voter who participated in the -- voted in the
2 election may petition the D.C. Court of Appeals
3 to review the election within seven days from
4 today. So, today is December 2nd, which means
5 that Monday, December 9th, is the last day for
6 qualified individuals to request either a recount
7 of a particular contest or judicial review of a
8 contest or the election.

9 CHAIR THOMPSON: And for the recount,
10 I think in the ANC races, if it's within a
11 certain margin, then the challenger doesn't have
12 to pay costs or something like that?

13 MS. STROUD: That is correct.

14 CHAIR THOMPSON: Is it half a percent
15 or?

16 MS. STROUD: It is, I believe, 10
17 votes --

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: 10 votes?

19 MS. STROUD: I will confirm that in
20 the regulation.

21 CHAIR THOMPSON: Some margin, either
22 10 votes or half a percent, but if it's within

1 that range and I think we have a couple of ANC
2 contests that are in that range, the losing
3 candidate or, I guess, anybody else can seek a
4 recount.

5 MS. STROUD: Yes, it is 10 votes, but
6 let me just pull up the regulation so I can read
7 it for the record.

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay.

9 MS. STROUD: So, there is no automatic
10 recount with respect to ANC contests, but the 10
11 votes comes in with respect to the -- whether or
12 not money is required for paying.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: And in that case,
14 when there's a recount, does that mean a hand
15 recount? For example, there's a lot of
16 undervotes sometimes in SMDs and so I think what
17 happens is we inspect the physical ballot (audio
18 interference) from undervotes and otherwise I
19 think it's a --

20 MS. STROUD: The recounts are actually
21 generally run through the machines. They run
22 through the same equipment that they were counted

1 on. So, in the case of Advisory Neighborhood
2 Commissioners, the petitioner shall not be
3 required to make a deposit for, or pay the cost
4 of any recount in any election where the
5 difference between the number of votes received
6 by the petitioner and the number of votes
7 received by the person certified as having been
8 elected to that office is less than 10 votes in
9 the case of an Advisory Neighborhood Commission
10 single member district contest. And -- one
11 moment. Yes, recount officials rerun the
12 official ballots through a tabulator.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay.

14 MS. STROUD: The audit is conducted by
15 hand.

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: Oh, okay.

17 MS. STROUD: Yes.

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right. Okay,
19 well, we're available, you know, to answer
20 questions if anybody out there has, you know,
21 specific questions about the challenge or a
22 recount or audit process, you know, just let us

1 know and we'll drill down on the details because
2 I know there's a lot of interest on a number of
3 ANC races, especially, that were quite close.

4 In my own ANC, we had five of our
5 seven seats were -- there were elections between
6 two or more candidates, so, which has not
7 happened in our ANC before. Usually you have to,
8 you know, (audio interference) to be on the ANC.
9 That's what happened to me four times.

10 But thank you to our ANC
11 commissioners. Thank you to everybody who ran
12 for those ANC seats. It's really at the
13 grassroots level the heart and soul of our
14 democracy here in D.C. A lot of people put a lot
15 of energy and work into running for those ANC
16 positions because they care very much about, you
17 know, their own neighborhoods. That's kind of
18 one of the hidden gems about D.C. that not a lot
19 of other people know about, that, you know, we do
20 have this level of very local democracy here
21 that's incredibly important to our civic life
22 here in D.C. So thank you to everybody in that

1 regard and we'll, you know, help make sure
2 anything that was close gets recounted and in the
3 manner in which it's brought to our attention.

4 Okay, I think that's moving on to
5 swearing in?

6 MS. EVANS: Yes, and before I provide
7 general election matters, our Board Chair will
8 now swear in the presidential electors. Mr.
9 Thompson will swear in Addison Rose, Russel
10 Breckenridge and Darrel Wiggins.

11 CHAIR THOMPSON: While we are
12 promoting those three to a panel, I think just
13 about everybody knows this, but just in case you
14 don't, the Electoral College, you know, is made
15 up of electors. And they're the ones that
16 ultimately cast the votes, obviously in
17 accordance with the vote by citizens, with
18 respect to the number of Electoral College votes
19 that each state or, in this case, D.C., is
20 assigned.

21 By constitutional amendment we are
22 assigned three Electoral College votes. I think

1 in 1964 was the first time we had the privilege
2 here in D.C. of voting for president, where we
3 are by amendment allowed no more than the lowest
4 amount allocated to any state, so there are a
5 number of states out there that also only have
6 three Electoral College votes based on their
7 population. We have a population equal to or
8 larger than a couple of states, so we have three
9 Electoral College votes.

10 And we have three electors who are
11 with us now, Addison Rose, Russel Breckenridge,
12 and Darrel Wiggins. I just want to -- let me
13 just call on each of you to quickly identify
14 yourselves, state your full name and your address
15 for the record. So, I'll start with Addison
16 Rose. If you could tell us your full name and
17 your address.

18 MS. ROSE: Hello, my name is Addison
19 Rose and my address is 3604 Austin Street,
20 Southeast, Washington, D.C.

21 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, Mr.
22 Breckenridge.

1 MR. BRECKENRIDGE: Good morning,
2 everybody. Russel Thomas Breckenridge. My
3 address is 3802 Kansas Avenue, Northwest,
4 Washington, D.C. 20011.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, and Mr.
6 Wiggins.

7 MR. WIGGINS: Good morning, this is
8 Darrel Wiggins. My address is 3605 Quesada
9 Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20015.

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, and at this
11 time, I would ask you to stand if you can and
12 raise your right hand. You're just going to
13 repeat after me.

14 (Electors sworn.)

15 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you very much
16 to all three of you for being electors and for
17 taking that oath. We have a longer release that
18 we're signing where we recognize you as the
19 electors and that you are qualified electors,
20 that you're certified, et cetera, so we'll be
21 signing that today and issuing it in writing.
22 And then you guys take it from here.

1 MR. BRECKENRIDGE: Thank you.

2 MS. ROSE: Thank you.

3 MR. WIGGINS: Thank you so much.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes, thank you to our
6 electors. I will now continue with general
7 election and administrative matters.

8 So, the first order of business, of
9 course, is always a staff thank you. And I
10 really just want to sincerely thank all BOE
11 staff, temporary workers and election workers.
12 This has been a particularly challenging general
13 election. We had a record number of voter
14 registrations, voter updates and also we had the
15 implementation of new legislation.

16 However, I can say that staff members
17 showed up and did an extraordinary job. Everyone
18 worked long hours and we got it done. And I just
19 want to really express my sincere appreciation,
20 not just for staff, but all of our partner
21 agencies in ensuring that this was a successful
22 election.

1 We had 464,502 registered voters. 25
2 early vote centers were utilized for early
3 voting. Early voting was conducted from October
4 28th through November 3rd. 72,914 voters voted
5 during the early voting period. 75 vote centers
6 were utilized on election day. 155,310
7 individuals voted in person and that was 47.23
8 percent. 173,561 voters used the mail in ballot
9 or 52.77 percent. Approximately 36,000 mailed
10 ballots were returned as undeliverable, half of
11 these need address changes and we will follow up
12 with these ballots to assist us in our list
13 maintenance process.

14 We processed 1,015 special ballots of
15 which 93 counted. Finally, we conducted an audit
16 on November 22nd and 25th. The audit results are
17 on our website.

18 As far as general election
19 communications, in addition to mailing a voter
20 guide, two informational postcards and a postcard
21 to eligible, but unregistered, residents, we
22 utilized television, radio and print advertising.

1 During the general election cycle, we utilized
2 streaming TV, video ads, MetroLive boards and bus
3 shelters to share information about the election.

4 Additionally, we aired radio spots and
5 placed advertisements in several local
6 newspapers. We also distributed yard signs and
7 palm cards. We are still debriefing with our
8 vendors regarding what worked well and what we
9 can improve with future elections. During the
10 off election season, we will look at equipment
11 replacement and acquisition. During the off
12 election cycle, we will also engage in list
13 maintenance to update our voter registration
14 database. We will remove deceased voters and
15 update addresses for individuals who have moved.
16 We will also verify the residential addresses of
17 voters who did not participate in the general
18 election. We will mail approximately 135,000
19 canvas postcards during the first quarter of
20 2025.

21 As far as administrative matters,
22 Executive Director engagements. During the month

1 of October, DC BOE participated in a table top
2 exercise hosted by the Emergency Preparedness
3 Council of DC HSEMA. The purpose was to address
4 scenarios and prepare for potential crisis
5 management on election day.

6 All District of Columbia agencies were
7 invited to attend and we covered topics such as
8 communications, vulnerability, incident
9 management and continuity of operations.

10 Voter registration rolls. In October,
11 we registered 7,152 new voters and processed
12 10,176 registration changes. In total, we
13 prepared 17,328 voter registration cards to be
14 mailed. Additionally, 1,360 registered voters
15 moved out of D.C., 1,013 canceled their D.C.
16 registrations and registered with other
17 jurisdictions and 5,776 voters registered in D.C.
18 after canceling their registrations in other
19 states.

20 In November, we registered 11,817 new
21 voters and processed 3,154 registration changes.
22 In total, we prepared 14,971 voter registration

1 cards to be mailed. Additionally, 88 registered
2 voters moved out of D.C., 363 voters canceled
3 their registrations and registered with other
4 jurisdictions and 699 voters registered in D.C.
5 after canceling their registrations in other
6 states.

7 We are continuing to register voters
8 using our website portal. To date, we have
9 processed over 95,000 applications using the
10 portal. These include new voter registrations
11 and updates to existing registrations.

12 Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment
13 Act. In October, we registered 73 non-citizens
14 to vote in local elections. In November, we
15 registered 137 non-citizens to vote in local
16 elections. Total non-citizen registration is
17 981.

18 Restore the Vote legislation. We
19 conducted three days of early voting at the
20 central detention and correctional treatment
21 facilities. Approximately 400 residents voted in
22 person, many of whom took advantage of same day

1 registration. Additionally, 13 residents served
2 as election workers at these facilities. D.C.
3 residents within the Federal Bureau of Prisons
4 were afforded the opportunity to register and
5 vote by mail.

6 Election Worker Division. The
7 Election Worker Division experienced increased
8 interest from individuals who wanted to be
9 election workers. The initial goal was to train
10 2,000 election workers over a 10-week period. We
11 exceeded our goal by training 2,254 election
12 workers during an eight-week period. In total,
13 2,152 adult election workers and 102 student
14 election workers attended training classes. We
15 deployed 1,369 election workers during early
16 voting, 1,053 election workers on Election Day
17 and 60 student election workers volunteered on
18 Election Day.

19 Additionally, 10 organizations
20 volunteered to adopt one of the 75 vote centers
21 on Election Day. This was a partnership with our
22 Voter Education and Outreach Division.

1 Voter Education and Outreach. During
2 the month of October, the Voter Education and
3 Outreach Division conducted 58 outreach events on
4 behalf of the agency. The events included visits
5 to the Richard Wright Public Charter School and
6 the George Washington University Hospital. We
7 also attended the Southwest Waterfront AARP
8 Chapter Fall Luncheon.

9 We engaged in five events during
10 November. November events included attending the
11 naturalization ceremony at the U.S, District
12 Courts. And Mr. Chair, that concludes my report.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: Very well. Again,
14 thank you for your leadership. Oh, my mic wasn't
15 on. And thank you for that and thank you for your
16 leadership. Okay, onto the General Counsel's
17 report from Terri Stroud.

18 MS. STROUD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
19 The only item on my agenda is litigation status.
20 There are eight cases that I'll be discussing.

21 The first is Stacia Hall, et al. v. DC
22 Board of Elections, which is in the U.S. Court of

1 Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. This is an appeal
2 from the U.S. District Court's denial of a
3 challenge to legislation allowing non-citizens to
4 vote in local elections.

5 The solicitor -- this appeal was filed
6 on April 16th of this year. The Solicitor
7 General for the District filed a Notice of Cross
8 Appeal and the cases have been consolidated.
9 Hall's brief and appendix were filed on August
10 22nd, 2024 after being granted a 30-day
11 extension. The Solicitor General filed its
12 initial cross appeal and brief on -- initial
13 brief and cross appeal brief on November 20th,
14 2024. Hall's reply/cross appeal response and the
15 Solicitor General's cross appeal reply are due
16 and forthcoming.

17 The second matter is Charles Wilson v.
18 Muriel Bowser in the D.C. Court of Appeals. The
19 Board is also a defendant in this matter. This
20 is an appeal from a decision by the D.C. Superior
21 Court that denied the appellant's challenge to
22 Initiative Measure Number 83 for the reason that

1 it was untimely filed. Oral argument was held in
2 this matter on October 23rd. After the oral
3 argument, the Board filed a motion for leave to
4 file a supplemental brief to address new issues
5 raised by the panel during oral arguments, that
6 had not previously been briefed, and the
7 appellant filed an opposition thereto.

8 On November 13th, 2024, the Court
9 granted the Board's motion and ordered that the
10 clerk file the supplemental brief and that the
11 appellant file any reply to that brief by
12 November 27th. The appellant filed a reply on
13 November 26th.

14 The third matter is Dr. Shiva
15 Ayyadurai v. Merrick Garland, et al., including
16 the Board. That is in the U.S. Court of Appeals
17 for the D.C. Circuit. This was an appeal from
18 the U.S. District Court order rejecting plaintiff
19 appellant's complaint for a declaration that he
20 is eligible to serve as president,
21 notwithstanding the constitutional natural born
22 citizens clause or alternatively, that this

1 qualification matter presents a non-justiciable
2 political issue for the voters.

3 On October 28th of this year, the
4 Court granted the appellee's motion for summary
5 affirmance finding that the District Court
6 correctly dismissed appellant's case for lack of
7 standing. The deadline for seeking rehearing has
8 passed.

9 The fourth matter is Long v. The DC
10 Board of Elections which is in the D.C. Superior
11 Court. This is the resubmission of a matter
12 previously dismissed without prejudice. The
13 plaintiff seeks 10,000 dollars in damages based
14 on a claim concerning an overdraft cost to his
15 bank account when a stop payment was imposed on a
16 500 dollar check issued for his service as an
17 election worker.

18 On October 25th of this year, a status
19 conference took place where the Court established
20 a deadline of November 25th for filing motions
21 for summary judgment and scheduled a status
22 hearing for February 21st of next year.

1 On behalf of the Board, the OAG,
2 Office of the Attorney General, filed a motion
3 for summary judgment on November 25th.

4 The next matter is John Page v. Monica
5 Evans. This is in a U.S. Court of Appeals for
6 the D.C. Circuit. This was an appeal from the US
7 District Court order dismissing the appellant's
8 complaint that Donald Trump should be denied
9 access to the ballot in the November 5th, 2024
10 general election.

11 The appellant's position was that the
12 recent Supreme Court decision in Trump v.
13 Anderson does not apply to D.C. because that
14 decision pertains to the rights of states under
15 the 14th Amendment and D.C. is not a state.

16 On October 29th, the Court granted the
17 appellee's motion for summary affirmance and
18 denied the appellant's motion for summary
19 reversal finding that the District Court
20 correctly ruled that the appellant asserted only
21 a generally available grievance and therefore
22 lacks standing to challenge former President

1 Trump's eligibility to appear on the D.C. ballot.
2 The deadline for seeking rehearing has passed.

3 The sixth matter is Deirdre Brown v.
4 The Board, that's in the D.C. Court of Appeals.
5 It involves the review of the Board's
6 certification of Initiative Measure Number 83.

7 On September 12th of this year, the
8 Court issued a briefing order where it ordered
9 the petitioner's brief be filed in 40 days and
10 the Board's brief to be filed 30 days thereafter.
11 On October 24th, the petitioner filed a motion
12 for an extension of time in which to file her
13 brief and filed the brief on October 29th.

14 On November 5th, Dorothy Brizill filed
15 a motion to appear as amicus in the matter. On
16 November 18th, the Court denied that motion,
17 stating that Ms. Brizill had not demonstrated why
18 her participation in this matter would be helpful
19 to the Court. On November 29th, 2024, the Board
20 filed its initial brief.

21 The next matter, number seven, is
22 Calvin Gurley v. The Board of Elections. This was

1 filed in D.C. Superior Court. On November 18th,
2 2024, Mr. Gurley filed a complaint challenging
3 Initiative Measure Number 83 on various grounds.
4 The defendant's answers will be due following the
5 filing of proof of service. An initial status
6 hearing has been set for February 21st, 2025.

7 The final matter is Young-Bey v. DC
8 Board of Elections, that's in the D.C. Court of
9 Appeals. On November 18th of this year, an
10 inmate at the DC Department of Corrections filed
11 a pro se action in the D.C. Court of Appeals in
12 which he sought to challenge the outcome of the
13 2024 general election.

14 On November 27th, 2024, the Court sua
15 sponte ordered the petitioner to show cause in 20
16 days why his action should not be dismissed
17 because the Board has not yet certified the
18 election result. That concludes the litigation
19 status and my report.

20 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, thanks very
21 much. Nothing else from the BOE? We'll turn
22 then to the Campaign Finance Report from Director

1 Cecily Collier-Montgomery.

2 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Good morning.
3 For the record, the full report of the Office of
4 Campaign Finance will be posted at our website
5 before the close of business today. The website
6 address is www.ocf.dc.gov. I will, however, at
7 this time point out a few matters of interest for
8 the Public Fund Report.

9 First, the 2024 election site visits.
10 The Office of Campaign Finance conducted on site
11 visits to 19 of the 25 early vote centers from
12 October the 28th, 2024 through November the 3rd,
13 2024, and to 41 of the 75 vote centers on
14 November the 8th, 2024, general election day, to
15 provide guidance where necessary concerning the
16 application of the campaign finance laws.

17 The OCF teams observed in general
18 during this period that campaign disclaimers were
19 appropriately placed in literature and posters
20 and that campaign workers and activity appeared
21 to adhere to the electioneer marker restrictions.
22 Finally, the OCF team did not observe and were

1 not alerted to any conflict of interest
2 activities or any complaints involving campaign
3 related activities on Election Day and during
4 their observation at the early vote centers.

5 In the Fair Elections Program during
6 the months of October and November 2024, for the
7 2024 election cycle, as of this date, there were
8 20 certified participating candidates in the Fair
9 Elections Program. And the Office of Campaign
10 Finance authorized the disbursement of the total
11 sum of 2,830,041 dollars and 15 cents from the
12 Fair Elections Fund and base amount and also
13 matching payments. Also, the Fair Elections
14 Division, during the months of October and
15 November, authorized 12 disbursements from the
16 Fair Elections Fund to FEP participating
17 candidates. There were no new certifications of
18 candidates in the program during this time frame.
19 The list of disbursements to whom the
20 disbursements were made is contained in our
21 report and, again, will be available at our
22 website.

1 During the month of October and also
2 during the month of November, the FEP Division
3 conducted 42 desk reviews of the October the
4 10th, 2024, and the October the 31st, 2024
5 reports and amended reports of receipts and
6 expenditures. And as a result of these reviews,
7 the division issued 10 requests for additional
8 information letters. With the ongoing post-
9 election full field audits, for the 2020 election
10 cycle, there are currently seven ongoing post-
11 election audits for the 2020 election cycle
12 before the Fair Elections Division in various
13 stages. The division has issued a total of 27
14 final audit reports of the 34 full field audits
15 which were initiated for the 2020 cycle.

16 With respect to the 2022 election
17 cycle, the Office of Campaign Finance issued 42
18 post-election audit letters for the June 2022
19 primary election and the November 2022 general
20 election to candidates who were certified to
21 participate in the Fair Elections Program.

22 During the month of October, the Fair Elections

1 Division issued two final audit reports.

2 The first was to the Friends of Lisa
3 Gore Principal Campaign Committee and that report
4 was issued on October the 11th, 2024. And the
5 second was the Brianne for DC Principal Campaign
6 Committee post-election audit report and that was
7 issued on October the 30th, 2024. And both of
8 the reports are available at the website for
9 review by members of the public.

10 And I would also mention, for the
11 record, that as a result of the certification
12 probably beginning in December or January, more
13 than likely January 2025, the Fair Elections
14 Division will begin to issue letters of the
15 initiation of audits, post-election audits, for
16 the 2024 election cycle to all of those
17 candidates who were certified to participate in
18 the program.

19 With our Public Information and
20 Records Management Division during the months of
21 October and November 2024, there were three dates
22 for the filing of reports of receipts and

1 expenditures by committees and programs. The
2 first was the October the 1st Activity Report by
3 the Constituent Service Program and the
4 Statehood's Fund Program. The October the 10th
5 Report of Receipts and Expenditures, which was
6 filed by political action committees and
7 principal campaign committees and the Eight-Day
8 Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures
9 Report. The real time images of the reports are
10 available at the website for public review.

11 And again, I would point out that with
12 respect to the reports of receipts and
13 expenditures that were filed during these time
14 frames, the division referred 46 matters for
15 reporting violations to the Office of the General
16 Counsel. The names of the committees, the
17 candidates and the treasurers are listed in the
18 report which will be filed at our website.

19 For the failure to timely file the
20 October 1st Report of Receipts and Expenditures,
21 there was one referral. For the failure to file
22 the October the 10th Report, there were 23

1 referrals and for the failure to timely file the
2 Eight-Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and
3 Expenditures, there were 22 referrals.

4 In our Reports, Analyses and Audit
5 Division, which is our traditional Campaign
6 Finance Program, the Audit Division conducted 133
7 desk reviews of reports which were filed with the
8 agency and issued 25 requests for additional
9 information as a result of the reports which were
10 reviewed.

11 The audit branch also issued three
12 compliance audits which are available at our
13 website for review, and the final audits were
14 issued for first, the DC Political Action
15 Committee. The audit report was issued on
16 October the 3rd, 2024. The Credit Union
17 Political Action Committee of Washington, D.C.,
18 the audit report was issued on October the 11th,
19 2024. And for the McDuffie Constituent Service
20 Program, the audit report was issued on October
21 the 24th, 2024.

22 And I would now ask the General

1 Counsel, William SanFord, to provide the report
2 for the Office of the General Counsel for the
3 agency.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: Hello, Mr. SanFord.

5 MR. SANFORD: Good morning, Mr.
6 Chairman and distinguished Board members. I'm
7 William SanFord, General Counsel for the Office
8 of Campaign Finance.

9 During the month of October 2024, the
10 Office of the General Counsel received 24
11 referrals, completed seven informal hearings and
12 issued seven orders which included the following.

13 One order was issued in which no fine
14 was imposed and six orders were issued in which a
15 total of 1,972 dollars and 50 cents in fines was
16 imposed. During the month of October 2024, the
17 Office of the General Counsel imposed fines
18 against the following respondents: A fine of 310
19 dollars was imposed against the Committee to
20 Elect Paul Johnson. A fine of 127 dollars and 50
21 cents was imposed against the Committee to Elect
22 Paul Johnson. A fine of 150 dollars was imposed

1 against Patricia Eguino for DC Council. Another
2 fine of 252 dollars and 50 cents was also imposed
3 against Patricia Eguino for DC Council and a fine
4 of 200 dollars was imposed against Patricia
5 Eguino for DC Council. Finally, a fine of 132
6 dollars and 52 cents was imposed against Nate
7 Fleming, Ward 7.

8 During the month of October 2024, the
9 Office of the General Counsel carried one open
10 investigation. That investigation was OCF docket
11 number FI2024004, the complainant was Tommy
12 Wells, chair of the Neighbors United for Ward 6
13 and the respondents were the Committee to Recall
14 Charles Allen, the DC Neighborhood Alliance and
15 the DC Republican Party. The allegation was
16 improper expenditures and illegal coordination.
17 During the month of October that investigation
18 had been completed, but the order was pending.

19 During the month of October 2024,
20 there were no requests for interpretive opinions
21 and no show cause proceedings were conducted.

22 During the month of November 2024, the

1 Office of the General Counsel received 25
2 referrals, completed nine informal hearings and
3 issued nine orders which include the following.
4 Eight orders were issued in which no fines were
5 imposed and two orders were issued in which a
6 total of 2,862 dollars and 50 cents in fines was
7 imposed.

8 During the month of November 2024, the
9 Office of the General Counsel imposed fines
10 against the following respondents: A fine of
11 2,700 dollars was imposed against the Principal
12 Campaign Committee of Randy Downs for Ward 2 and
13 a fine of 162 dollars and 50 cents was imposed
14 against the Committee to Elect Eboni-Rose
15 Thompson State Board of Education.

16 During the month of October --
17 November, excuse me, the Office of the General
18 Counsel, the Office of Campaign Finance received
19 a payment of 1,606 dollars and 27 cents from the
20 Vincent Orange 2020 Principal Campaign Committee.

21 During the month of November, the
22 Office of the General Counsel issued orders in

1 OCFI 2024 and orders were issued to the following
2 three respondents: The Committee to Recall
3 Charles Allen, the DC Neighborhood Alliance and
4 the DC Republican Party. In all three cases,
5 reduced fines of 200 dollars were imposed against
6 the respondents.

7 During the month of November 2024,
8 there were no requests for interpretative
9 opinions and during the month of November 2024,
10 there was one show cause proceeding conducted.
11 The respondent in that show cause proceeding was
12 Friends of Zachary Parker and Zachary Parker was
13 a candidate for the D.C. Council in Ward 5. The
14 docket numbers 2024F034 and the issue during the
15 show cause proceeding was Mr. Parker and the
16 principal campaign committee's failure to comply
17 with the repayment agreement it had reached with
18 the Office of Campaign Finance. And the final
19 disposition was that the parties accepted a
20 revised repayment agreement.

21 The contents of the report I just
22 presented will be posted at the Office of

1 Campaign Finance website by close of business
2 today on today's date, the 2nd of December 2024
3 and that should conclude my report.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you. Anything
5 else? All right, thank you once again to the
6 Office of Campaign Finance. Okay, we're going to
7 move on with some public comment to conclude our
8 meeting here today. If folks could start raising
9 their Zoom hands. And I see Nikolas Schiller has
10 raised his, so we'll promote Mr. Schiller.

11 MR. SCHILLER: Can you hear me okay?

12 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yep, we can hear you.

13 MR. SCHILLER: All right, I just want
14 to say congratulations to the whole DC Board of
15 Elections for running an amazing election. I do
16 have a couple of things I'd just like to bring
17 up.

18 First, I want to say 36,000
19 undeliverable ballots is a huge reduction and
20 that's really good news compared to a few
21 election cycles back that it was over 80,000 so I
22 want everyone at the Board of Elections to pat

1 themselves on the back for that amazing
2 reduction.

3 I want to say that the yard signs that
4 the Board of Elections placed around the District
5 of Columbia were highly effective. There were so
6 many all across the District and I thought they
7 were -- it was just impressive to see so many
8 around.

9 Now, a couple of things I'd like to
10 bring up. The total for the certification was
11 328,871. However, if you go to the bottom of the
12 front page of the Board of Elections' website,
13 you have the totals for U.S. Postal Service drop
14 box, in person and early vote. And if you add up
15 all those totals, you get 326,570. There's a
16 discrepancy of 643 in person voting ballots and
17 1,658 drop box and USPS ballots, so as this is
18 being certified, it's important that we, you
19 know, have these numbers dialed in because there
20 is somewhere in there there's some missing
21 ballots that probably were rejected for a lack of
22 signature or something like that, but it's

1 important that these get added.

2 Number two, I would like to request
3 for the next election cycle that the Board of
4 Elections update its voter roll based on their
5 turn in, based on the USPS early vote and drop
6 box. For example, the Initiative 83 campaign
7 sent out mailers to voters, all the way up until
8 nearly Election Day, but those mailers are going
9 to voters who have already voted. And the voters
10 are getting notification that their ballots have
11 been received, so there is technology that's
12 there in place right now that tells the voter,
13 your ballot has been received.

14 And I would really encourage the Board
15 of Elections to offer campaigns updated voter
16 registration totals so they're not wasting
17 hundreds of thousands of dollars mailing voters
18 election information who have already voted.

19 Number four, I worked on outside of
20 the Walter T. Daniels poll site and the Shaw
21 Library. And I got there, you know, very early
22 and I was wondering if in the future, we can list

1 the total number of, like, how many vote tallying
2 machines are going to be available at each vote
3 center. What ended up happening was the line
4 stretched for all the way around the library and
5 when I was talking to voters as they left, they
6 were waiting upwards of an hour. And when I went
7 in to check the hourly vote total, what I found
8 was that there were just too many people at the
9 vote location and it could've been a situation
10 where the first floor of the library could have
11 been utilized instead of the basement and voters
12 would have been able to be processed faster.

13 I really appreciate the election day
14 wait times that are on the website, but it might
15 be useful to include the information to voters
16 how many things are there. That's all I have
17 today. I really appreciate everyone's time and
18 conducting a wonderful election. Thank you so
19 much.

20 MS. EVANS: Yes and thank you, Mr.
21 Schiller. Definitely appreciate your comments.
22 I will say that in the report, the 328,871 votes

1 that were referenced were, of course, those that
2 were counted. We did receive some that we were
3 unable to cure and we received some that were
4 double votes and so they did not count twice. So
5 the raw numbers on the website were just mail in
6 ballots we received per se, but making that
7 distinction is important and thank you for that.

8 And then also, appreciate your other
9 comments and observations. As I always say,
10 we're always trying to make improvements. We're
11 always looking at ways we can streamline the
12 process and make things easier for voters in the
13 District of Columbia. And so thank you for those
14 other observations as well. Thank you.

15 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes, thank you, Mr.
16 Schiller. Your constructive comments are always
17 appreciated. And we'll take them to heart and
18 we've got a whole year ahead of us, 2025, to
19 think about ways to improve everything,
20 especially the voter experience with respect to
21 some of those lines at places like Shaw and MLK
22 Library.

1 So we've, you know, taken note of a
2 lot of those kinds of things and, you know, we
3 obviously have a process now for our voter rolls
4 to identify additional inactive voters, so maybe
5 we can get that undeliverable number down even
6 more, but thank you for noting the decrease,
7 36,000 is still a lot so, you know, that's one of
8 the many things we'll do in 2025 to continue to
9 improve everything. So, appreciate your
10 comments.

11 I am not seeing any other hands raised
12 for public comment. Let me just make sure. Hold
13 on a second. There it is. I'm not sure how to
14 say it Trupti, hello, and you are unmuted, I
15 think.

16 MS. PATEL: Good evening, Chairperson.
17 Yes, I hope you can hear me. Can you hear me?

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: We sure can. Thank
19 you.

20 MS. PATEL: Sure. The reason why I
21 decided to raise my hand, and I know this is not
22 going to be something that can be addressed

1 necessarily right this second, but I wanted to
2 flag two really important things for you. So I'm
3 actually the Chairperson of ANC 2A.

4 And the first issue I had is that I
5 had two ANC commissioners, or three actually, who
6 pretty much never appeared at any of their
7 meetings. There was no way to compel them to
8 resign at all and it became a very frustrating
9 process to get things done. And then on top of
10 that, we would think, like, okay, could get a
11 brand new slot of people to come in, and now I
12 have two incoming ANC commissioners, one of which
13 that race was actually selected for the random
14 audit. One candidate, or one incoming ANC
15 commissioner, has been very vocal on social media
16 about making derogatory comments about Vice
17 President Harris, has stated that COVID is not
18 real. And the other individual is nicknamed the
19 Smut King of D.C.

20 The reason why I'm flagging this is
21 these two particular candidates took advantage of
22 a loophole that exists currently in D.C. law.

1 They didn't have to register before elections
2 took place and so they were able to literally
3 write just their own names in and then come to
4 Board of Elections right after.

5 And the reason why I'm flagging this
6 as a very big problem is when I filed to run for
7 office, I had to meet the threshold of gathering
8 25 signatures. And so, if people are going to
9 not go through the scrutiny of running for an
10 actual position, this is actually a really big
11 problem for our democratic process.

12 And I want to make it very clear I had
13 no problem with people having differing political
14 views, people who have paid for their crimes by
15 serving in the incarceration system, but I do
16 strongly believe that, you know, residents have
17 the right to know. If you're going to run to
18 represent somebody that should be something
19 that's a requirement.

20 So thank you for letting me have that
21 floor for a few minutes, but I am going to be
22 testifying in the oversight hearings and flagging

1 this as a major issue. Thank you.

2 CHAIR THOMPSON: Oh, yeah, could you
3 just let us know your name and address?

4 MS. PATEL: Certainly, my name is
5 Trupti Patel and my address is 950 25th Street,
6 Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20037.

7 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, yeah,
8 thank you, Ms. Patel. As a former ANC chair
9 myself, I can only advise you that if it's a
10 matter concerning a commissioner's conduct or
11 attendance that's probably something that falls
12 within your own internal processes, your bylaws.
13 You probably have procedures that allow you to
14 censor or even remove somebody. I would leave
15 that to you and your fellow commissioners to, you
16 know, think about how you run your commission.

17 And then with respect to the process
18 of running for ANC including possibility of
19 becoming a commissioner by way of a write-in
20 campaign, you know, some of what you said
21 probably has to do more with the laws as they're
22 written by our D.C. Council, so you seem to be

1 addressing things that probably could only be
2 changed at the level of the D.C. Council, it's
3 not something we can change. The way the laws
4 are written currently, as I understand them, do
5 allow for write-ins. And I, you know, appreciate
6 your thought that there's maybe an element of
7 circumvention there with the process that
8 commissioners like you and so many others
9 carefully observe. I'll think about that.

10 And there is, I think, somebody that's
11 right in the OANC now that might want to weigh in
12 on that, but that's probably something above our
13 level as an administrative agency to change. So
14 when you testify maybe think about addressing the
15 Council with respect to some potential changes
16 that you referenced.

17 MS. STROUD: Yeah, and I will say
18 this, for the record, Mr. Chair, that the statute
19 allows for individuals to affirm their write-in
20 candidacy post-election. For the primary, you
21 can do that up to three days after and then for
22 the general, up to seven days after, so that is

1 in the statute that you don't have to declare
2 your candidacy as a write-in before the election.

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. I'm not seeing
4 any other hands raised. I'd like to, you know,
5 wish everybody all the best. I hope everybody
6 has a good month, a good holiday season coming
7 up. Stay warm, stay healthy. And we will
8 reconvene, I think, in early January for our
9 regular meeting. Usually it's the first
10 Wednesday of the month barring some change. All
11 right, Wednesday, January 8th, is probably our
12 next meeting.

13 Not hearing any other comments, I'd
14 move that we adjourn. There's a second. All in
15 favor of adjournment?

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thanks, everybody.

18 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
19 went off the record at 11:47 a.m.)
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