

## STATE OF MICHIGAN JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANSING

May 26, 2020

## **REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITION**

Dennis Donahue Candidate for Judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position

## NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 2,000 signatures.<sup>1</sup>

TOTAL FILING: 309 signatures.

**<u>RESULT OF FACE REVIEW</u>**: The maximum number of potentially valid signatures is only about 8% of the minimum number required by statute, and 15% of the minimum number required by the May 20, 2020 court order in *Esshaki v Whitmer*.

CHALLENGE: None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Determine petition insufficient.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to MCL 168.544f, candidates seeking this office must submit a minimum of 4,000 valid signatures to qualify for placement on the ballot. Mr. Donahue qualifies for a 50% reduction in the number of required signatures pursuant to the May 20, 2020 order of the federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in *Esshaki v Whitmer*, <u>https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/64\_order\_grnt\_PI\_mtn\_intervene\_691388\_7.pdf</u>.