STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
LANSING

May 23, 2022

REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITIONS

JAMES CRAIG
Republican Candidate for Governor

NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 15,000 signatures.

TOTAL FILING: 21,305 signatures.

RESULT OF FACE REVIEW: 10,192 facially valid signatures, 11,113 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed		21,305
Signature errors (no signature or incomplete signature)	*Less:*	506
Miscellaneous errors (signatures of dubious authenticity where the petition signature does not match the signature on file or multiple signatures appear to have been written by the same individual, etc.)	*Less:*	728
Number of signatures on sheets submitted by fraudulent-petition circulators		9,879
TOTAL		10,192

Staff reviewed each petition sheet submitted by Mr. Craig. During that review, staff flagged each sheet which was signed by a fraudulent-petition circulator. For additional information on sheets submitted by fraudulent-petition circulators, see *Staff Report on Fraudulent Nominating Petitions*.

In total, staff's review of Mr. Craig's petition sheets identified 11,113 invalid signatures and 10,192 facially valid signatures, which dropped him below the 15,000 threshold and rendered him ineligible for the ballot.

Signatures from the following 18 fraudulent-petition circulators, accounting for 9,879 signatures, were included in Mr. Craig's submission:

Davon Best	220 signatures
Antonio Braxton	232 signatures
Brianna Briggs	19 signatures
Nicholas Carlton	1,003 signatures
Deshawn Evans	1,036 signatures

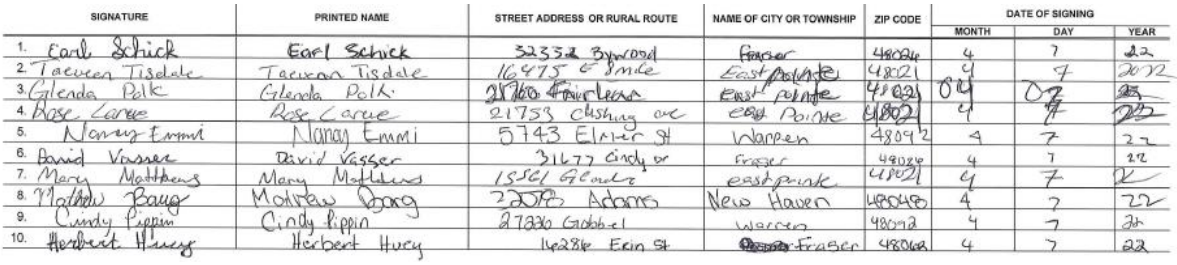
Jehvon Evans	80 signatures
Justin Garland	703 signatures
Corey Hampton	895 signatures
Jonell Hampton	654 signatures
LeVaughn Hearn	121 signatures
Aaliyah Ingram	286 signatures
Niccolo Mastromatteo	108 signatures
Ryan Snowden	55 signatures
Trevon Stewart	151 signatures
Stephen Tinnin	1,411 signatures
Yazmine Vasser	1,985 signatures
Diollo Vaughn	520 signatures
William Williams	400 signatures
	9,879 signatures

Distinctive characteristics of petition sheets submitted by fraudulent-petition circulators included all of the following:

1. **Consistent handwriting for the entirety of a petition sheet, including signatures.**

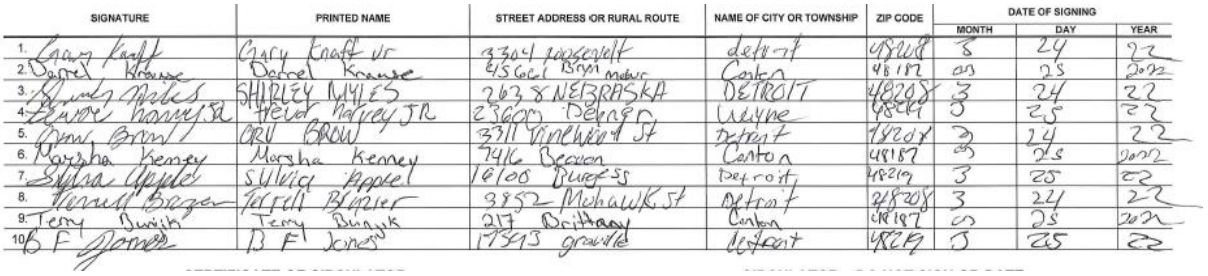
Some pages are more obvious than others. For instance, at times fraudulent-petition circulators made little effort to vary handwriting.

Petition sheet 887:



SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	NAME OF CITY OR TOWNSHIP	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING MONTH	DAY	YEAR
1. Earl Schick	Earl Schick	32352 Bywood	Fraser	48026	4	7	22
2. Taewan Tisdale	Taewan Tisdale	16475 E 8mile	East Pointe	48021	4	7	2022
3. Glenda Polk	Glenda Polk	21760 Fairlane	East Pointe	48021	04	07	22
4. Rose Larue	Rose Larue	21753 Cushing ave	East Pointe	48021	4	7	22
5. Nancy Emmi	Nancy Emmi	5743 Elmer St	Warren	48092	4	7	22
6. David Vasser	David Vasser	31677 Cindy dr	Fraser	48026	4	7	22
7. Mary Matthews	Mary Matthews	15561 Glendale	eastpointe	48021	4	7	22
8. Matthew Bang	Matthew Bang	22055 Adams	New Haven	48048	4	7	22
9. Cindy Pippin	Cindy Pippin	27330 Gabbert	Warren	48092	4	7	22
10. Herbert Hurey	Herbert Hurey	16281 Erin St	Fraser	48026	4	7	22

Petition sheet 2066:



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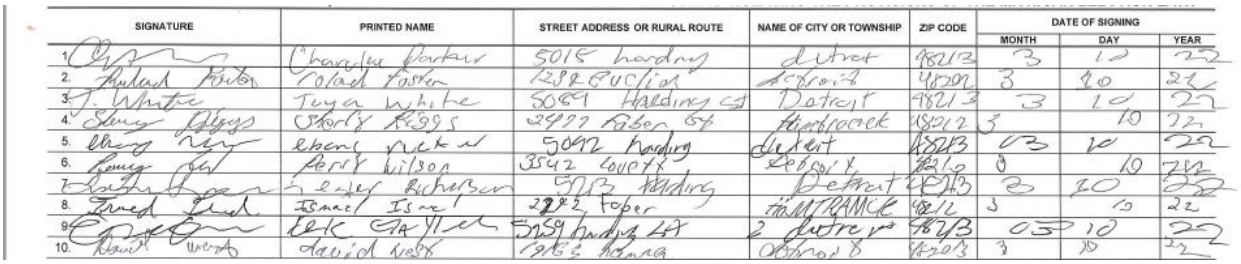
1. Gary Knaff	Gary Knaff Sr	3304 roosevelt	detroit	48208	3	24	22
2. Darrel Krause	Darrel Krause	45661 Bryn mawr	Canton	48187	03	25	2022
3. Shirley Myles	SHIRLEY MYLES	2638 NEBRASKA	DETROIT	48208	3	24	22
4. Trevor harvey SR	Trevor harvey JR	23600 Dequindre	Wayne	48184	3	25	22
5. Orv Brow	ORV BROW	3311 Pinehurst St	Detroit	48208	3	24	22
6. Marsha Kenney	Marsha Kenney	7416 Beaver	Canton	48187	03	25	2022
7. Sylvia Appel	SYLVIA APPEL	16100 Burgess	Detroit	48219	3	25	22
8. Terrell Brazier	Terrell Brazier	3852 Mohawk St	Detroit	48208	3	24	22
9. Terry Buwik	Terry Buwik	217 Brittany	Canton	48187	03	25	2022
10. B F Jones	B F Jones	17513 granville	Detroit	48219	3	25	22

Petition sheet 2548:



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1.	Charaine Porter	5018 harding	detroit	48213	3	12	22
2.	Robert Foster	1288 Buchtel	Detroit	48203	3	10	22
3.	Tuya White	5069 Harding	Detroit	48213	3	10	22
4.	Sherry Riggs	2977 Faber St	Hamtramck	48212	3	10	22
5.	Ebony Pickett	5092 Harding	Detroit	48213	03	10	22
6.	Perry Wilson	3542 Goodell	Detroit	48210	3	10	22
7.	Lesley Richardson	5073 Harding	Detroit	48213	3	10	22
8.	Ismael Ismael	2282 Foper	HAMTRAMCK	48212	3	10	22
9.	Erik Gaytan	5359 Harding	Detroit	48213	03	10	22
10.	David Webb	1963 Nevada	Detroit	48203	3	10	22

In some cases, rather than attempting varying signatures, the circulator would intentionally scrawl illegibly. Staff compared all of the following signatures against those in the QVF and none had any redeeming qualities. Additionally, the first signer lives in Farmington Hills, not Farmington.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	NAME OF CITY OR TOWNSHIP	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING MONTH	DAY	YEAR
1.		Paul Wozniak	30478 Aston Ct	Farmington	48331	3	21	22
2.		David James	2085 Floyd rd	Rochester	48307	3	21	22
3.		Jesse Craig	1909 Caitlin Dr	Rochester	48306	3	21	22
4.		Samuel Ryan	6454 Nadine Ln	West Bloomfield	48322	03	21	22
5.		James Hilliard	4187 Bold Rd	Rochester	48306	3	21	22
6.		Christopher Chasia	2669 Corunna	Clarkston	48346	3	21	22
7.		Jaqueline Hill	6996 Lexington Dr	West Bloomfield	48322	03	21	22
8.		Steven Matsil	4701 Bonnie ct	West Bloom	48322	03	21	22
9.		Lisa Kaplan	28215 New Castle	Farmington Hills	48334	3	21	22
10.		Debra Franklin	27044 Arro St	Novi	48377	3	21	22

2. Evidence of "round-tabling," a practice in which a group of individuals passes around sheets with each individual signing one line on each sheet in an effort to vary handwriting.

In other instances, they circulated petition sheets among themselves, each filling out a line. The petition sheet below is an example of a sheet that was submitted "mid-round-table." While most of the values are completed, the people who were charged with forging the signatures on lines 3, 5, and 9 of petition sheet 2521 left the signature spaces blank.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	NAME OF CITY OR TOWNSHIP	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING MONTH	DAY	YEAR
1.		Fatima Lifi	2938 Don St	Hamtramck	48212	3	11	22
2.		Lois Hints	2604 Cadillac	Detroit	48214	3	11	22
3.		Timothy Boerger	206 Bayside	Detroit	48214	3	11	22
4.		Dominique Alexander	2000 Rayal St Apt	Hamtramck	48212	3	11	2022
5.		Vic Marcy Lividini	304 bayside	Detroit	48214	3	11	22
6.		Gilbert Hall	3850 Nancy	Hamtramck	48212	3	11	22
7.		david kayser	2637 Cadillac blvd	Detroit	48214	03	11	22
8.		Linda Daniels	8537 Reynolds	Hamtramck	48212	3	11	2022
9.		Derek Lividini	306 Bayside	Detroit	48212	3	11	22
10.		Sultan Fadel	2241 Goodson	[redacted] Hamtramck	48212	3	11	2022

CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR CIRCULATOR – DO NOT SIGN OR DATE

Another example of a sheet that was submitted mid-round-table. Petition sheet 812:

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	NAME OF CITY OR TOWNSHIP	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING MONTH	DAY	YEAR
1.		Shan Gorgis	3567 Barbara Dr	Sterling Heights	48310	3	21	22
2.		Dylan King	47648 Alpine	Macomb	48317	3	21	22
3.								
4.		Daniel chabot	40350 Deguindre	sterling heights	48310	3	21	22
5.								
6.								
7.		Christina Pencher	35025 Almont Dr	Sterling Heights	48312	3	21	22
8.		John Odom	47378 Butler	Macomb	48374	3	21	22
9.		Natalia Shannon	38649 Arlington Dr	Sterling Heights	48310	3	21	22
10.								

Further examples of the fraudulent signatures can be found in Staff Report on Fraudulent Nominating Petitions.

ATTEMPTED SUPPLEMENTAL FILING: Mr. Craig attempted to make a supplemental submission of signatures on April 19, 2022. However, the Michigan Election Law[1] provides that "nominating petitions shall be received by the secretary of state for filing in accordance with this act up to 4 p.m. of the fifteenth Tuesday before the August primary." Craig produced his supplemental signatures at the Bureau at approximately 4:30 p.m. on April 19, the fifteenth Tuesday before the August primary. As such, they could not be accepted and were not processed or considered.

[1] MCL 168.53

CHALLENGE: Mark Brewer and Thomas Suchocki both submitted challenges to Mr. Craig's petitions, but these challenges were not considered because Mr. Craig lacked sufficient signatures to qualify for the ballot after the initial review described above.

Mr. Brewer challenged 6,933 allegedly forged signatures by the following circulators in the following numbers:

Stephen Tinnin	143 petitions	1,364 signatures
Yazmine Vasser	173 petitions	1,725 signatures
Deshawn Evans	96 petitions	946 signatures
Nicholas Carlton	96 petitions	946 signatures
Jonell Hampton	60 petitions	562 signatures
Corey Hampton	63 petitions	560 signatures
Diallo Vaughn	52 petitions	520 signatures
William Williams	31 petitions	310 signatures

Mr. Brewer challenged additional signatures that allegedly had defective headings, defective circulator certificates, defective signatures (including jurisdictional defects), duplicative signatures, and signatures of dead persons. The total number of challenges to signatures was 9,652, with some being challenged as defective for multiple reasons. However, as stated above, the challenge was not processed, because the circulators named above are the same ones the Bureau had already identified as fraudulent-petition circulators in its own review. Mr. Craig did not meet the threshold for certification to the ballot based on the Bureau's initial review.

Mr. Suchocki also submitted a challenge, alleging 7,107 defects in signatures and that 172 signatures were duplicates.

In Mr. Craig's response to the Brewer challenge, he replied that "[d]espite the potential efforts of a group of circulators to defraud the campaign, it is our belief that the petition remains valid." He ascribes that belief to the assertion that "a signature comparison will likely show that the circulators did not write in a sufficient number of false signatures to erase the comfortable cushion of supporters amassed by the campaign."

Mr. Craig may be able to rehabilitate many signatures challenged by Mr. Suchocki—for example, Mr. Craig is correct in stating that omission of a zip code would not invalidate a signature—but the Bureau did not fully process the challenge because the number of signatures removed from the total after the review of fraudulent-petition circulators were such that Mr. Craig was already far below the minimum threshold for ballot access.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Determine petition insufficient.