STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
LANSING

May 23, 2022

REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITION

JAKE HAGG
Republican Candidate for U.S. Representative in Congress, 7th District

NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 1,000 signatures.

TOTAL FILING: 1,424 signatures.

RESULT OF FACE REVIEW: 948 facially valid signatures, 476 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed		1,424
Not registered	*Less:*	60
Jurisdiction errors (no city in county known by name given by signer, dual jurisdiction entry, jurisdiction name given by signer does not align with address)	*Less:*	303
Date errors (no date given by signer, date of birth entered, or date given by signer is later than circulator's date of signing)	*Less:*	14
Address errors (no street address or rural route given)	*Less:*	14
Circulator errors (circulator did not sign or date petition, etc.)	*Less:*	34
Signature errors (no signature or incomplete signature)	*Less:*	20
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:*	31
TOTAL		948

Staff's face review of Jake Hagg's petition sheets identified 476 invalid signatures and 948 facially valid signatures, which dropped him below the 1,000 signature threshold and rendered him ineligible for the ballot.

JURISDICTION ERRORS: Of the 303 jurisdiction errors identified on face review, 261 were "dual" jurisdiction listings. A dual jurisdiction error arises when the signatory lists two different municipal jurisdictions in the jurisdiction field. As explained below, many of Mr. Hagg's signatures were challenged on these grounds, and Mr. Hagg addressed the issue in his response, alleging that many of the signatories intended to write both the city/township and the county in which the signatory resided. Mr. Hagg's petitions were gathered in Ingham County, which contains Ingham Township (i.e., Ingham is the name of both a county and municipality).

Consistent with the Board's past practice, staff recommends the Board determine entries are invalid where the signatory included two municipalities (e.g. "Lansing, Ingham" or "Ingham, Okemos."

CHALLENGE: Ryan De Guia-Claypool filed a challenge to 689 of Mr. Hagg's signatures. Mr. Hagg disputed the challenge. The challenge was not processed because based on the Bureau's face review, Mr. Hagg already did not have sufficient valid signatures to qualify for the ballot.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Determine petition insufficient.