



STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
LANSING

May 23, 2022

REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITION

PERRY JOHNSON
Republican Candidate for Governor

NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 15,000 signatures.

TOTAL FILING: 23,193 signatures.

RESULT OF REVIEW: 13,800 facially valid signatures, 9,393 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed		23,193
Not registered	<i>Less:</i>	68
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)	<i>Less:</i>	1,336
Date errors (no date given by signer, date of birth entered, or date given by signer is later than circulator’s date of signing)	<i>Less:</i>	269
Address errors (no street address or rural route given)	<i>Less:</i>	81
Circulator errors (circulator did not sign or date petition, etc.)	<i>Less:</i>	239
Signature errors (no signature or incomplete signature)	<i>Less:</i>	15
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.)	<i>Less:</i>	402
Number of signatures on sheets submitted by fraudulent-petition circulators	<i>Less:</i>	6,983
TOTAL		13,800

Staff reviewed each petition sheet submitted by Mr. Johnson. 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. Johnson’s petition sheets identified 9,393 invalid signatures and 13,800 facially valid signatures, which dropped him below the 15,000 threshold and rendered him ineligible for the ballot.

Signatures from the following fraudulent-petition circulators were included in Mr. Johnson's submission:

Davon Best	60 signatures
Antonio Braxton	177 signatures
Brianna Briggs	254 signatures
Nicholas Carlton	404 signatures
DeShawn Evans	401 signatures
Jehvon Evans	70 signatures
Justin Garland	203 signatures
LeVaughn Hearn	108 signatures
Brianna Heron	450 signatures
Aaliyah Ingram	154 signatures
Niccolo Mastromatteo	97 signatures
Giovannee Smith	460 signatures
Ryan Snowden	1,077 signatures
Trevon Stewart	29 signatures
Stephen Tinnin	1,034 signatures
Yazmine Vasser	576 signatures
Diallo Vaughn	440 signatures
William Williams	989 signatures
	<hr/>
	6,983 signatures

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

1. Signatures from voters who have been canceled or have not lived at the address on the petition for years.

Through its review, staff identified a number of fraudulent signatures that were purported to be from voters who had been canceled. Voters were canceled for a variety of reasons which included moving out of state and death. Several signatures also listed an address where the voter has not resided from at least one to eight years prior to signing.

Johnson petition sheet 602, line 6: moved from this address in 2021.

<i>[Signature]</i>	Jacob Lynch	504 academy rd	Oakton VA	22131	3	01	22
--------------------	-------------	----------------	-----------	-------	---	----	----

Johnson petition sheet 2068, line 2: canceled.

<i>[Signature]</i>	Peter Saitta	909 E 3rd St	Pavia VA	22127	03	1	22
--------------------	--------------	--------------	----------	-------	----	---	----

2. Misspelled names or addresses.

In some cases, the voter's name is misspelled, either in the signature block or in the block for the voter's printed name. Misspelling of the purported individual's own name is an indicator of fraud. Although signatures do not need to be legible to be accepted, a large number of signatures in which the proffered signature appears to have a different spelling than the printed name is an indicator of fraud.

Johnson petition sheet 736, line 8: voter's name is Lia and the signature indicates what appears "Lian" or "Liar."

8	<i>Lian Ham</i>	Lia Ham	809 phoebe ave	berkeley	48072	3	5	22
---	-----------------	---------	----------------	----------	-------	---	---	----

Johnson petition sheet 736, line 10: voter's surname is Ziga and the signature and printed name indicate "Zigh."

10	<i>Kennedy Zigh</i>	Kennedy Zigh	2008 dover dr	WILKOM	48393	03	08	22
----	---------------------	--------------	---------------	--------	-------	----	----	----

Johnson petition sheet 723, line 5: voter's name is Jody and signature and printed name indicate "Joby."

5	<i>Joby Rudy</i>	Joby Rudy	2200 Berkeley	Oakland	48072	3	8	22
---	------------------	-----------	---------------	---------	-------	---	---	----

Johnson petition sheet 611, line 1: voter's surname is McDonough and printed name indicates "McDough."

1	<i>McDough</i>	McDough	2355 hamilton	Holly	48044	3	11	22
---	----------------	---------	---------------	-------	-------	---	----	----

Johnson petition sheet 603, line 4: voter's surname is Breecher and printed name indicates "Beecher."

4	<i>Adam Beecher</i>	Adam Beecher	5072 Whispine	Oakland	48042	03	09	2021
---	---------------------	--------------	---------------	---------	-------	----	----	------

Johnson petition sheet 4043, line 1: voter's name is Seana and signature and printed name indicate "Sean."

1	<i>Sean Struge</i>	Sean Struge	1760 Sherwood St	Sun Juan Lake	48520	4	14	22
---	--------------------	-------------	------------------	---------------	-------	---	----	----

Johnson petition sheet 4043, line 3: voter's name is Bornstein and signature and printed name indicate "Bornstien."

3	<i>Mark Bornstien</i>	Mark Bornstien	25757 Dundee rd	Hankerson Woods	48070	6	16	22
---	-----------------------	----------------	-----------------	-----------------	-------	---	----	----

Johnson petition sheet 2626, line 3: voter's name is Vicki but sheet indicates that she signs her name as "Vicki" but prints it as "Viki."

3	<i>Vicki Pyle</i>	Viki Pyle	9040 E Alherton	Berlin	48519	4	16	22
---	-------------------	-----------	-----------------	--------	-------	---	----	----

In some cases, the name of the voter's jurisdiction or street was spelled wrong, or the jurisdiction was mischaracterized. For example, Bloomfield Hills was often written as Bloomfield.

Johnson petition sheet 735, line 8: voter lives on Crossbridge Dr. in Holly and the petition sheet indicates "Crossshires Dr." in "Holy."

8	<i>Noah Gallares</i>	Noah Gallares	6393 Crossbridge Dr	Holly	48044	9	9	22
---	----------------------	---------------	---------------------	-------	-------	---	---	----

Johnson petition sheet 731, lines 4 and 7: the city of Clarkston is spelled "Clarksten." Additionally, both appear to be written by the same hand.

Clarksten	Clarksten
-----------	-----------

Johnson petition sheet 4064, line 8: voter lives on Callender St, not "Calender St."

8	<i>Joseph Attard</i>	Joseph Attard	1261 Calender St	Southfield	48074	16	12	22
---	----------------------	---------------	------------------	------------	-------	----	----	----

Johnson petition sheet 611, lines 4 and 8: voters live in Bloomfield Hills and petition sheet indicates Bloomfield.

4	<i>Basil Salah</i>	Basil Salah	1418 Sagan lake	Bloomfield	48304	03	09	22
---	--------------------	-------------	-----------------	------------	-------	----	----	----

3. Repeated use of an uncommon signature abbreviation.

An additional anomaly is the use of a first name and last initial as a signature. Using a first initial and last name (for example, J. Smith) is not uncommon; the inverse (John S.) is rare. Nonetheless, this unusual combination was included throughout the fraudulent petition sheets, including the below examples:

Johnson petition sheet 602, line 6:

<i>George A L</i>	Jacob Lynch	504 academy rd	Oakland	48072	3	OC	22
-------------------	-------------	----------------	---------	-------	---	----	----

Johnson petition sheet 731, line 8:

<i>J V</i>	Vickay JR	2917 webster Dr	Oakland	48072	3	OC	22
------------	-----------	-----------------	---------	-------	---	----	----

Johnson petition sheet 4043, line 7:

<i>Evan D</i>	Evan Dandane	1256 DuLong ave	Madison height	58091	4	16	21
---------------	--------------	-----------------	----------------	-------	---	----	----

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

ADDITIONAL INVALID SIGNATURES IDENTIFIED DURING FACE REVIEW: As with all candidates, the staff initially conducted a face review of Mr. Johnson’s petition sheets. Substantial numbers of signatures were deemed invalid on face review based on the errors described above, with one of the largest numbers coming from jurisdictional errors. The three jurisdictional error codes are OC, NC, and DUAL, which correspond with the provisions in the Michigan Election Law¹ and are described in the manual produced by the Bureau on *Circulating and Canvassing Countywide Petition Forms: Nominating and Qualifying Petitions*.² This manual is provided to election officials and candidates for office.

OC describes an instance in which the address given is outside the city or township identified by the signer. For instance, commonly signers would write “Oakland” or “Wayne” as their city or township when they actually lived in Oakland or Wayne counties. Because there is a township of Oakland and city of Wayne, staff verified that signers committed the errors described. This error invalidated 521 signatures.

¹ MCL 168.544c and 168.544d.

² https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/sos/16delrio/SOS_ED105_County_Pet_Form.pdf?rev=dace67c93fb24f5e95c14a39d625ff95

NOMINATING PETITION
(COUNTYWIDE PARTISAN)

* The "Countywide" Partisan Petition form may be used by any partisan candidate. Exception: the form may not be used by a partisan candidate who seeks the office of County Commissioner; such candidates must use the "City/Township" Partisan Petition form.

We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, nominate Perry Johnson (Name of Candidate) 297 Canterbury Rd (Street Address or Rural Route) as a candidate of the Republican Party for the office of Governor (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date) 3698 (District, if any) to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the 2nd day of August, 2022.

WARNING - A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY SIGNS MORE PETITIONS FOR THE SAME OFFICE THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE, SIGNS A PETITION MORE THAN ONCE, OR SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	NAME OF CITY OR TOWNSHIP	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING		
					MONTH	DAY	YEAR
1. <i>[Signature]</i>	Beth A. Louch	515 E Barrett Ave	Oakland	48071	03	25	2022
2. <i>[Signature]</i>	Vivian Burton	1820 Rochester	Oakland	48071	03	25	2022
3. <i>[Signature]</i>	Jeff Dickson	1227 Circle Dr	Oakland	48040	3	25	2022
4. <i>[Signature]</i>	LARRY MITCHELL	31174 DORCHESTER AVE	OAKLAND	48071	3	25	2022
5. <i>[Signature]</i>	SUE MAY	31174 DORCHESTER AVE	Oakland	48071	3	25	2022
6. <i>[Signature]</i>	PATRICK INGLETON	2111 BERRY	OAKLAND	48072	3	25	2022
7. <i>[Signature]</i>	PATRICK MEORLY	2115 EVERLY	OAKLAND	48072	3	25	2022
8. <i>[Signature]</i>	SARAH SHARTEIS	100 E KALAMA	OAKLAND	48071	3	25	2022
9. <i>[Signature]</i>	SARAH ALTMAN	11016 WALTON	Oakland	48071	3	25	2022
10. <i>[Signature]</i>	Robert D. Kibone	9006 Spierthorn	Oakland	48071	3	25	2022

CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR
The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 19 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the City or Township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross [X] or check mark [✓] in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

WARNING-A CIRCULATOR KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IN THE ABOVE CERTIFICATE, A PERSON NOT A CIRCULATOR WHO SIGNS AS A CIRCULATOR, OR A PERSON WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN AS CIRCULATOR IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

CIRCULATOR - DO NOT SIGN OR DATE CERTIFICATE UNTIL AFTER CIRCULATING PETITION.

[Signature]
(Signature of Circulator)
Attentia Starkoff
(Printed Name of Circulator)
1032 and Perry St
(Complete Residence Address [Street and Number or Rural Route]) - (Do not enter a post office box)
Flint MI 48901
(City or Township, State, Zip Code)
Sussex
(County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan)

3, 20, 22
(Date)

NC describes an instance where there is no city or township by the name listed located within the county listed in the heading of the petition sheet. For instance, the petition sheet heading would identify all signers as Macomb County residents but individual signers would list their city or township as Monroe (which is in Monroe County), Ann Arbor (which is in Washtenaw County) or Troy (which is in Oakland County). This error invalidated 711 signatures.

NOMINATING PETITION
(COUNTYWIDE PARTISAN)

* The "Countywide" Partisan Petition form may be used by any partisan candidate. Exception: the form may not be used by a partisan candidate who seeks the office of County Commissioner; such candidates must use the "City/Township" Partisan Petition form.

We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the County of Macomb and State of Michigan, nominate Perry Johnson (Name of Candidate) 297 Canterbury Rd (Street Address or Rural Route) as a candidate of the Republican Party for the office of Governor (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date) 3349 (District, if any) to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the 2nd day of August, 2022.

WARNING - A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY SIGNS MORE PETITIONS FOR THE SAME OFFICE THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE, SIGNS A PETITION MORE THAN ONCE, OR SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	NAME OF CITY OR TOWNSHIP	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING		
					MONTH	DAY	YEAR
1. <i>[Signature]</i>	Jesse Hopkins	511 Smith Apt	Monroe MI	48161	4	2	2022 NC
2. <i>[Signature]</i>	Carla E. LaShanus	511 Smith St Apt	Monroe MI	48161	4	2	2022 NC
3. <i>[Signature]</i>	Maria Vespa	2786 Green St	Lincoln Park	48146	4	2	2022 NC
4. <i>[Signature]</i>	Samuel C. Peilly	2735 S. Wagon	Ann Arbor	48103	4	2	2022 NC
5. <i>[Signature]</i>	Brianne P. Kink	1613 2nd St	Troy MI	48068	4	2	2022 NC
6. <i>[Signature]</i>	Paul West Miesse	3037 Bradley	Troy MI	48068	4	2	2022 NC
7. <i>[Signature]</i>	Tessa Lurie	2403 2nd St	Troy MI	48068	4	2	2022 NC
8. <i>[Signature]</i>	NORA MILLER	30029 Jeffrey Ct	New Hudson	48165	4	2	2022 NC
9. <i>[Signature]</i>	Aaron Drillich	4157 Tonia Linda Blvd	Royal Oak	48073	4	2	2022 NC
10. <i>[Signature]</i>	Jared R. Russo	6556 Forest Park Dr	Troy MI	48068	4	2	2022 NC

CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR
The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 19 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the City or Township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross [X] or check mark [✓] in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

WARNING-A CIRCULATOR KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IN THE ABOVE CERTIFICATE, A PERSON NOT A CIRCULATOR WHO SIGNS AS A CIRCULATOR, OR A PERSON WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN AS CIRCULATOR IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

CIRCULATOR - DO NOT SIGN OR DATE CERTIFICATE UNTIL AFTER CIRCULATING PETITION.

[Signature]
(Signature of Circulator)
Danielle D Brooks Dale
(Printed Name of Circulator)
234 Memorial Dr SW
(Complete Residence Address [Street and Number or Rural Route]) - (Do not enter a post office box)
Atlanta GA 30303
(City or Township, State, Zip Code)
Fulton
(County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan)

4, 2, 22
(Date)

DUAL describes a dual jurisdictional entry, meaning the signer wrote the names of two or more jurisdictions in the space for the city or township where registered. If it is clear that one of the two entries refers to the county—for instance “Detroit, Wayne Co.” or “Detroit/Wayne County”—the signature would not be invalidated, but if the signer wrote “Detroit/Wayne”—it represents a dual jurisdictional entry and is invalid. This error invalidated 104 signatures.

The petition also included 402 signatures with miscellaneous errors, including signatures of dubious authenticity submitted by circulators other than those listed in the fraudulent-circulator report. For instance, Dulce Amaya Romero submitted 4 petition sheets which 40 signatures of dubious authenticity.

CHALLENGE: Mr. Johnson's signatures were challenged by Carol Bray. Specifically, Ms. Bray alleged that the signatures included all of the following:

- 66 entries by dead persons
- 1 entry from a person who submitted an affidavit indicating that her signature was forged
- 99 entries that were crossed out (note: this is not an error. These signatures are never included in the Bureau's count and therefore do not need to be removed.)
- 98 duplicate signatures
- 334 entries by persons who were also included on petition sheets of other gubernatorial candidates
- 8 entries of signers who are not registered to vote in the city or township indicated
- 47 entries that appear not to include a signature
- 293 entries that include jurisdictional errors
- 230 entries that include date errors
- 293 miscellaneous errors
- 343 sheets submitted by fraudulent-petition circulators (specifically, Stephen Tinnin, Yazmine Vassar, Deshawn Evans, Nicholas Carlton, Diallo Vaughn, and William Williams)

In sum, Ms. Bray challenged 6,065 signatures. However, as stated above, the challenge was not processed, because the circulators named above are the same ones the staff had already identified as fraudulent-petition circulators in its own review. Mr. Johnson did not meet the threshold for certification to the ballot based on the staff's initial review.

Mr. Johnson's response to the challenge argued that Ms. Bray could not know that signatures on the 343 sheets were fraudulent because she does not have access to the Qualified Voter File to verify signatures. However, the staff's review of signatures submitted by fraudulent-petition circulators determined these signatures were invalid.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Determine petition insufficient.