



STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
LANSING

May 23, 2022

REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITION

GABRIELLA MANOLACHE
Republican Candidate for U.S. Representative in Congress, 3rd District

NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 1,000 signatures.

TOTAL FILING: 1,242 signatures.

RESULT OF FACE REVIEW: 966 facially valid signatures, 276 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed	1,242
Not registered	<i>Less:</i> 2
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, jurisdiction listed not within the congressional district)	<i>Less:</i> 238
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> 19
Address errors (no street address or rural route given)	<i>Less:</i> 5
Signature errors (no signature or incomplete signature)	<i>Less:</i> 12
TOTAL	966

Staff's face review of Ms. Manolache's petition sheets identified 276 invalid signatures and 966 facially valid signatures, which dropped her below the 1,000 signature threshold and rendered her ineligible for the ballot.

CHALLENGE: Bridget Fox, Donald Munski, and Joseph Pietrowski submitted a challenge to Ms. Manolache's nominating petitions, alleging that 373 signatories are not registered in the Third District or in the city or township they listed on the petition; 45 are not registered to vote in the county they listed in the header of the petition page they signed; 6 listed an incorrect date; 8 were missing an address, a signature, or a date, or some combination of those; had crossed out required information, and; 13 dated their signatures after the date of the circulator's signature.

In her response, Ms. Manalache addressed five of the challenged signatures, indicating that she was providing a sampling of the facially valid signatures that were wrongly challenged. She argued that the flagging of facially valid signatures casts doubt on the rest of the challengers' claims and requested staff review the challenges to affirm the signatures' validity.

The challenge was not processed because, after face review, Ms. Manaloché did not have enough potentially valid signatures to qualify for the ballot.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Determine petition insufficient.