



STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
LANSING

May 24, 2024

REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITIONS

Ryan Foster
Democratic Candidate for U.S. Representative in Congress, 12th District

NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 1,000 signatures.

TOTAL FILING: 1,181 signatures.

RESULT OF FACE REVIEW: 1,102 facially valid signatures, 79 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed		1,181
Not registered	<i>Less:</i>	3
Invalid date (signature is dated before the first date signatures may be circulated; signer’s signature is dated after the circulator dated their signature; date is incomplete, illegible, or missing)	<i>Less:</i>	50
Invalid address (address is blank, missing house number or street name, or PO Box listed)	<i>Less:</i>	15
Invalid signature (signature is omitted or does not sufficiently agree with the signature on file)	<i>Less:</i>	10
Duplicate signature (voter signed petition multiple times, or signed nominating petitions for more candidates than there are persons to be elected to the office)	<i>Less:</i>	1
Total number of facially valid signatures after face review		1,102

Staff’s face review of Foster’s petition sheets identified 79 invalid signatures and 1,102 facially valid signatures.

CHALLENGE: Lucas Dzwonkowski filed a challenge to Foster’s nominating petitions, alleging that 266 of Foster’s petitions should be rejected because the signatures included all of the following:

- Signatures of unregistered voters.
- Jurisdiction errors where inaccurate/incorrect city or township is listed.
- Date errors.
- Missing addresses.
- Illegible entry.

- Missing signatures.
- Duplicate signatures.
- Signers outside the district in which Foster is running.

In sum, Dzwonkowski challenged 266 signatures. Staff already determined 37 of the signatures challenged to be invalid during face review.

Following staff’s face review, candidate was left with a “cushion” of 102 signatures—the number of signatures Foster had in excess of the number needed to appear on the ballot. Because the number of signatures challenged exceeded Foster’s cushion, staff processed the challenge as described below.

Total number of facially valid signatures after face review		1,102
Not registered	<i>Less:</i>	113
Invalid signature (signature is omitted or does not sufficiently agree with the signature on file)	<i>Less:</i>	9
Duplicate signature (voter signed petition multiple times, or signed nominating petitions for more candidates than there are persons to be elected to the office)	<i>Less:</i>	7
Invalid address (address is blank, missing house number or street name, or PO Box listed)	<i>Less:</i>	8
Invalid city or township (no city or township by that name located within the county listed at the top of the petition sheet or the city/township field was left blank)	<i>Less:</i>	11
Invalid date (signature is dated before the first date signatures may be circulated; signer’s signature is dated after the circulator dated their signature; date is incomplete, illegible, or missing)	<i>Less:</i>	10
Illegible	<i>Less:</i>	1
Out of district (signer does not live in 12 th District)	<i>Less:</i>	17
Total facially valid after processing challenge		926

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Determine petition insufficient.