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Subject: Request for Hearing to Challenge the Denial of Ballot Inclusion District 54

Dar Mr. Hayes:

On April 10, 2026 I sent a letter to both the Randolph and Chatham County Board of Elections requesting documents in support of my intended challenge to their decision to not include me on the November ballot for NC Assembly District 54. In the case of Randolph County, I received a mere handful of documents that are almost certainly insufficiently responsive to my request and for Chatham County, despite several demands for records through their retained counsel, I am still awaiting documents—more than 2 months after my demand letter! As the deadline for printing ballots is approaching fast, I believe I can no longer delay my request for a hearing to challenge the results.

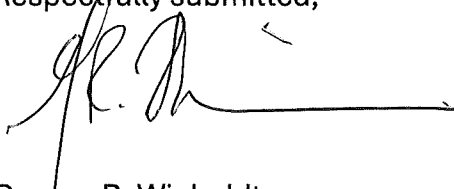
Unfortunately, §163-122(d) that states that a “person whose petition has been cancelled...may request a hearing...in accordance with Article 11B of this Chapter” does not provide sufficient guidance for proceeding. Article 11B deals solely with challenging a candidates inclusion on the ballot for constitutional or statutory grounds. It emphatically

does NOT address my challenge relating to the determination that I did not meet the threshold necessary to be on the ballot in the first place. Consequently, we appear to be on unresolved procedural footing.

Clearly there must be a means to adjudicate the arbitrary, incompetent, and partisan decision-making processes used to deny the voters of District 54 ANY choice this November. Had they limited their taxpayer paid for efforts to what was required by statute only, I would have made the 4% threshold (see Exhibit A attached). However, given the circumstances, as the sole possible opposition candidate, any number of signatures should have been sufficient as the alternative is no election at all. In this case, the Board of Elections could have both followed the letter of the law and the spirit of the law if they did not actively seek to deny me access to the ballot—efforts that worked for the SOLE benefit of the incumbent candidate. In fact, they actively worked against the public interest by denying the essential element of any republic: choice.

I therefore ask that a hearing date be set in a timely manner to allow depositions of the relevant Board of Election employees, including Ms. Paschal and Ms. Kristner, and to allow sufficient time to seek a judicial injunction should I fail to prevail at the hearing prior to the ballot printing deadline in early August.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. R. Wieboldt', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gunnar R. Wieboldt

Exhibit A

Summary of Analysis of Signature Pages

Petition of Gunnar Wieboldt for District 54 (Unaffiliated)

Randolph County

Total Signatures Submitted	692	
Accepted	236	34% Accepted
Rejected: Voters of in District but Different County	72	
Rejected: But Found online	8	
Rejected: Signature or DoB	113 (DOB)	
Adj. Accepted Total if Discretionary Rejections Allowed	429	62% Accepted (Adj)

Chatham County

Total Signatures Submitted	2935	
Accepted	1707	58% Accepted
Rejected: Voters of in District but Different County	25	
Rejected: But Found online (Less Randolph) or DoB	336	
Rejected: Signature	324	
Adj. Accepted Total if Discretionary Rejections Allowed	2392	81% Accepted (Adj)

Total District	3627	
Total Accepted Dist	1943	54%
Total Adj Accept Dist	2821	78%

Unadjusted Percent of Electorate: 2.5%
Adjusted Perecent of Electorate: 4%

Target	2,738	83
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CANDIDATE CHALLENGE FORM

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF

District 54

**FRAUDULENTLY OR FALSELY COMPLETING THIS FORM IS A CLASS I FELONY
UNDER CHAPTER 163 OF THE NC GENERAL STATUTES.**

TO: [COUNTY] COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Challenger's Name: **Gunnar Wieboldt**

Challenger's Residence Address: **30138 Village Park Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517**

Challenger's Mailing Address (if different): _____

Challenger's Phone Number: **919.943.2405**

Challenger's Email Address: **Gunnar.wieboldt@gmail.com**

Name of candidate being challenged: **Not applicable. Challenging the methods and processes used by Chatham and Randolph County Board of Elections to deny my petition to be on the ballot.**

Name of office sought: **NC Assembly, District 54**

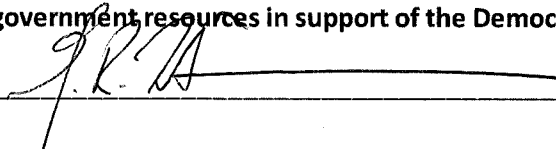
Are you eligible to vote for the office for which the candidate has filed or petitioned? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, you are not eligible to file this candidate challenge.

The above-named candidate does not meet the following constitutional or statutory qualification (s) for the office:
Not applicable. This form does not address my grounds for challenging but not other avenue for challenge is available under NC law.

This challenge is based on reasonable suspicion or belief of the following specific facts. (Attach evidence, if available.)

Had Chatham and Randolph County Board of Elections NOT used their discretion to get me off the ballot, I would have met the 4% threshold and would have been added to the ballot. Given the highly unusual circumstance that if I do not get on the ballot, then the incumbent will run UNOPPOSED, these offices should have affirmatively worked to get me on the ballot, but they did the opposite. The Board of Elections is tasked with ensuring fair and free elections, but first there must be an election. Consequently, the Boards of Elections should have done just the statutory required diligence (e.g., check if registered voter and proof of signature) and no more. Instead, they actively worked to eliminate almost 50% of the signatures received. Had they not used their discretion (e.g., reject signatures, reject names if their DoB incorrect, wrong county but correct district etc.) only 22% would have been rejected, and I would have met the required signature amount by more than 80 signatures. I noted hundreds of errors and what can only be the partisan use of government resources in support of the Democratic incumbent.

Challenger's Signature 

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the
day of _____, 2022

Official Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public

My commission expires: 12-17-2022

