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Please Reply to Whippany Office

April 6, 2018

Hand Delivered

Carmela Riccie, Town Clerk Town of West New York Town Hall 428-60th Street West New York, NJ 07093

RE: West New York Democratic Municipal
Committee

Dear Ms. Riccie:

This office represents the candidates for West New York Democratic Municipal Committee who are running using the slogan Democrats for Hudson County.

Please accept this letter as an objection on behalf of those candidates to the petitions for West New York Democratic Municipal Committee filed by Cosmo Cirillo on behalf of all candidates using the slogan Hudson County Democratic Organization.

The basis for this objection is that the petitions to which we object were circulated without candidate names, which were added later, after the nominating signatures were obtained. In addition, the circulator of the petitions, Mr. Jonathan Castaneda, misled signers into believing that the petitions were for a different office.

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In support of these contentions, I am enclosing Affidavits which verify these facts. Due to time constraints, these are a representative sampling of what we believe is universally the case.

Under the circumstances, we ask that you conduct whatever investigation you deem appropriate and then invalidate the challenged petitions in their entirety.

All of the objectors are registered voters of the Municipality of West New York.

Very truly yours,

Schwartz Edelstein Law Group LLC

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)		
COUNTY OF HUDSON) SS.		
	, having been duly sworn according to law says:	
1. In	February 2018, I was approached by Jonathan Castaneda, who asked	
me to sign a nomination petition.		
2. I	know now that this was a petition for election to the West New York	
Democratic Mun	icipal Committee. When Mr. Castaneda presented it to me, however, he	
misled me into believing that it was a petition for a different office.		
3. In	addition, when Mr. Castaneda asked me to sign the petition, which I	
did, there was no candidate name on the petition.		
4. I	have subsequently learned that the petition I signed was turned in on	
behalf of the Hudson County Democratic Organization and that a candidate name was		
added later. It w	as never my intent to support a Municipal Committee candidate running	
under the banner of the Hudson County Democratic Organization, and if I had known		
that that is what I	was being asked to sign, I would not have signed it. The petition which	
I signed is for Election District Number		
5. No	ot only am I asking that my name be removed from that petition, it is my	
belief that this pattern was followed with many if not all of the Municipal Committee		

petitions which were circulated by Mr. Castaneda.

6.	As a result of this widespread conduct, I am also requesting that all the
petitions which Mr. Castaneda circulated should be rejected.	
Sworn and Su	abscribed to
before me thi	s
day of April,	2018.