

IN THE MATTER OF OBJECTIONS TO
PETITIONS FILED BY CANDIDATES
RUNNING FOR WEST NEW YORK
DEMOCRATIC MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE
UNDER THE SLOGAN "HUDSON
COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
ORGANIZATION.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, HUDSON
COUNTY, TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK,
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**OPINION BY CARMELA RICCIE,
TOWN CLERK**

As the filing officer for nominations to office for the Town of West New York, I issue this summary review of objection and challenges to petitions under N.J.S.A. 19:13-11.

In the Town of West New York this year, there are Democratic Municipal Committees competing for election in the June 2018 General Election.

On April 2, 2018, candidates running for the West New York Democratic Municipal Committee under the slogan "Hudson County Democratic Organization" filed nominating petitions for the June 2018 Hudson County Democratic County Committee for full terms of office (hereinafter referred to as "HCDO"). (Exhibits J-1, J-2, HCDO-6, HCDO-7)

The candidates accepted the nomination for office and signed the candidate's oath on the petitions. (Exhibits J-1, J-2, HCDO-6, HCDO-7). The petition of Bonnie Rodriguez and Joseph Rodriguez was circulated by Joseph Rodriguez who signed the circulators affidavit thereon before a notary public of the State of New Jersey on April 1, 2018. (Exhibits J-2). The petition of Claudia Blanco and Jose Mendoza was circulated by Claudia who signed the circulators affidavit. (Exhibits J-1). While Claudia Blanco signed such petition, Jose Mendoza's signature is next to the notary public's signature line. (Exhibit J-1). The petition of Patricia Delgado and Jorge Delgado were circulated by Jorge Delgado who signed the circulators affidavit thereon before a notary public of the State of New Jersey on April 1, 2018. (HCDO-6). The petition of Ivonne Arroyo and Albeiro Raigosa was circulated by Albeiro Raigosa who signed the circulators affidavit thereon before a notary public of the State of New Jersey on February 16, 2018. (HCDO-7).

On April 6, 2018, Stephen Edelstein, Esq. filed a written objection on behalf of the candidates for West New York Democratic Municipal Committee running using the slogan “Democrats for Hudson County (hereinafter the “Objectors”) to the nominating petitions for West New York Democratic Municipal Committee filed on behalf of all candidates using the slogan “Hudson County Democratic Organization.”. (HCDO-4).

Pursuant to statute, a hearing was conducted on April 11, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Town Hall by me, along with Daniel Antonelli, of the law firm Antonelli Kantor, P.C., as my counsel, before a court reporter and the witnesses’ testimony under oath. Stephen Edelstein, Esq. appeared on behalf of the Objectors while Steven Kleinman, Esq. appeared on behalf of HCDO.

Appearing at the hearing and offering testimony were following witnesses:

	Name	Address	Called by
1.	Magda Alfonzo	6119 Highland Pl., West New York, NJ	Steven Kleinman
2.	Milagros Rodriguez	6119 Highland Pl., West New York, NJ	Steven Kleinman

The following documents were offered as evidence:

Joint Exhibits:

J-1: The petition of Claudia Blanco and Jose Mendoza

J-2: The petition of Bonnie Rodriguez and Joseph Rodriguez

HCDO’s Exhibits:

C-1: Affidavit of Claudia Blanco dated April 6, 2018

C-2: Affidavit of Jose Mendoza dated April 6, 2018

C-3: Affidavit of Jose Alcantaro dated April 6, 2018

C-4: Letter from Jose Alcantaro withdrawing his signature from Exhibit J-1

C-5: Letter from Claudia Blanco withdrawing her signature from Exhibit J-1

C-6: Letter from Jose Mendoza withdrawing his signature from Exhibit J-1

C-7: *Subpoena ad testificandum* for Jonathan Castaneda

C-8: Proof of personal service of *Subpoena ad testificandum* for Jonathan Castaneda

C-9: Email from Jonathan Castaneda to Clerk responding to *Subpoena ad testificandum*

HCDO's Exhibits:

HCDO-1: Affidavit of Bonnie Rodriguez dated April 10, 2018

HCDO-2: Affidavit of Glenn Rodriguez dated April 10, 2018

HCDO -3: Affidavit of Sonia Vargas dated April 10, 2018

HCDO -4: Letter from Stephen Edelstein, Esq. dated April 6, 2018 objection to petitions

HCDO -5: Affidavit of Alberio Raigosa dated April 6, 2018

HCDO -6: The petition of Patricia Delgado and Jorge Delgado

HCDO -7: The petition of Ivonne Arroyo and Alberio Raigosa

Presumption of Validity of Petitions

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:13-10, entitled "Objection to petition" it states:

Every petition of nomination in apparent conformity with the provisions of this Title shall be deemed to be valid, unless objection thereto be duly made in writing and filed with the officer with whom the original petition was filed not later than the fourth day after the last day for filing of petitions. If such objection is made, notice thereof signed by such officer shall forthwith be mailed to the candidate who may be affected thereby, addressed to him at his place of residence as given in the petition of nomination.

(Emphasis added).

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:13-11, entitled "Determination of validity of objections" it states:

The officer with whom the original petition was filed shall in the first instance pass upon the validity of such objection in a summary way unless an order shall be made in the matter by a court of competent jurisdiction and for this purpose such officer shall have power to subpoena witnesses and take testimony or depositions. He shall file his determination in writing in his office on or before the

ninth day after the last day for the filing of petitions, which determination shall be open for public inspection.

There is a presumption under the statute that the petitions as prepared and circulated shall be deemed valid if the petitions on their face and within the four corners of the document are in apparent conformity with the law. These petitions did so appear and were accepted for filing and nomination of the "Candidates."

Objectors' Burden

That presumption is now challenged by the "Objectors" and the burden rests on the "Objectors" to prove and support the allegations set forth in the challenge by a preponderance of the evidence.

Objectors' Allegations

The "Objectors" allege: (1) the petitions were circulated without candidate names which were added after the nominating signatures were obtained; (2) Jonathan Castaneda misled signers into believing that the petitions were for a different office; and (3) Claudia Blanco, Jose Mendez, Jose Alcantaro and Albeiro Raigosa would have never signed a petition supporting a Municipal Committee Candidate running under the banner of the Hudson County Democratic Organization.

Hearing Testimony

During the proceeding both Magda Alfonso and Milagros testified that Jose Rodriguez came to their home and, after explaining the petition, asked them to sign. Ms. Alfonso testified that her signature appears on line 8 of Exhibit J-2 and that she is eligible to vote as a registered Democrat. Ms. Rodriguez testified that her signature appears on line 9 of Exhibit J-2. They both testified that they support Joseph Rodriguez's petition and wish to have him appear on the ballot for the election. They both also testified that the names of both Bonnie Rodriguez and Joseph Rodriguez were on the petition when they signed.

Mr. Edelstein and Mr. Kleinman both relied on Affidavits in lieu of testimony as to these affidavits. As to Exhibit HCDO-6, Mr. Edelstein stipulated that Albeiro Raigosa's signature was nowhere on the petition.

Jonathan Castaneda was served a subpoena to appear for the hearing. That subpoena was duly served on April 10, 2018 at approximately 7:00 p.m. Despite being under subpoena, Mr. Castaneda failed to appear. (Exhibits C-7, C-8, C-9). The Objectors have asked for an adverse inference to be drawn from Mr. Castaneda's failure to appear at the hearing.

Findings of Fact and Decision

1. Albeiro Raigosa did not sign the petition of Patricia Delgado and Jorge Delgado.
2. Joseph Rodriguez was the circulator for the petition of Bonnie Rodriguez and Joseph Rodriguez.
3. Claudia Blanco and/or Jose Mendoza were the circulator(s) for the petition of Claudia Blanco and Jose Mendoza.
4. Jorge Delgado was the circulator for the petition of Patricia Delgado and Jorge Delgado.
5. Albeiro Raigosa was the circulator for the petition of Ivonne Arroyo and Albeiro Raigosa.
6. Milagros Rodriguez was a credible witness.
7. Magda Alfonso was a credible witness.

N.J.S.A. 19:13-4, entitled "Contents of petition" states:

Such petition shall set forth the names, places of residence and post-office addresses of the candidates for the offices to be filled, the title of the office for which each candidate is named, that the petitioners are legally qualified to vote for such candidates and **pledge themselves to support and vote for the persons named in such petition** and that they have not signed any other petition of nomination for the primary or for the general election for such office.

(Emphasis added)

The New Jersey Supreme Court in Catania v. Haberle, 123 N.J. 438 (1991), established the rule that unless there was a strong public interest prohibiting a candidate from appearing on the ballot, the candidate and the voters should be afforded that opportunity.

The general rule applied to the interpretation of our election laws is that absent some public interest sufficiently strong to permit the conclusion that the Legislature intended strict enforcement, statutes providing requirements for a candidate's name to appear on the ballot will not be construed so as to deprive the voters of the opportunity to make a choice. *Id.* at 442-443

As referred to in Catania, *supra.*, the strong public interest that would nullify a nominating petition would be a failure to comply with a mandatory election law or fraud which is not apparent here. Baker v. Deane, 196 N.J. Super. 416 (1983).

Objectors have put forth four affidavits in support of the extraordinary request to invalidate all HCDO's petitions. These affidavits are not persuasive. First, the affidavit of Albeiro Raigosa is not truthful in that it repeatedly states he signed Exhibit HCDO-6. There is a stipulation that Albeiro Raigosa's signature is not present on Exhibit HCDO-6. Consequently, the Objectors have not met their burden as to Exhibit HCDO-6.

The Objectors remaining affidavits apply to Exhibit J-2. The contention from these affiants that they would have never supported a municipal candidate running under HCDO's slogan is directly contradicted by Exhibit J-1 where all three affiants signed another petition under the slogan "Hudson County Democratic Organization." Additionally, Exhibit J-1 shows that Claudia Blanco and Jose Mendoza not only signed a petition under this slogan, but were endorsing themselves as candidates under such slogan. To the extent that the Objectors rely exclusively on these affidavits in support of their objection, the petitions shall remain valid and Objectors have not come close to meeting their burden. Perhaps, if Jonathan Castendan had appeared, his testimony may have added support to Objectors' claims. Based on the record before me, I conclude that the Objections have not met their burden.

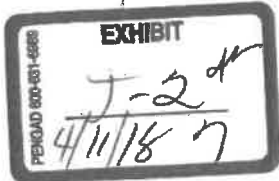
To the extent that the Objectors have asked for an adverse inference to be drawn from Mr. Castaneda's failure to appear, to invalidate all the petitions based on an adverse inference is an extraordinary request. However, based upon the record before me it would appear that the testimony of Mr. Castaneda would be necessary and relevant to the issues raised by the Objectors to wit: her circulated petitions without the candidates' names set forth on the petition as required by N.J.S.A. 19:3-4.

Therefore, Objectors have failed to meet their burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence, and I am DENYING their request to invalidate the petitions of HCDO.

NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REVIEW

N.J.S.A. 19:13-12, entitled "Judicial hearing":

Any judge of the Superior Court, in the case of candidates to be voted for by the electors of the entire State or of more than one county thereof, and in all other cases a judge of the Superior Court assigned to the county in which any petition of nomination shall be filed, on the application or complaint, duly verified, of any candidate, which application or complaint shall be made on or before the twelfth day after the last day for the filing of petitions, setting forth any invasion or threatened invasion of his rights under the petition of nomination filed with the Secretary of State or with any county clerk, shall hear such application or complaint in a summary way and make such order thereon as will protect and enforce the rights of such candidates, which order or determination shall be filed within three days after the filing of the application or complaint.



Town of West New York
Ciudad de West New York

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WRITE FIRST NAME IN FULL

Los nombres y las direcciones deben ser escritos claramente en letras de molde.
ESCRIBA EL NOMBRE DE PILA COMPLETO.

Primary Petition for Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC
County Committee

Peticion Primaria para los Miembros del Comité del Condado
DEMOCRATA del Condado de Hudson

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WARD/DISTRITO ELECTORAL
TO/A: CARMELA RICCIE
Town Clerk/Secretario/a Municipal

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DISTRICT/DISTRITO
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Ward

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we are qualified legal voters of
Election District of the Town of West New York, in which District we all reside, that we are members of the
DEMOCRATIC Party, and that we and each of us intend to affiliate with the said DEMOCRATIC Party at the ensuing
election, and that we and each of us hereby endorse:

Nosotros, los abajo firmantes, declaramos por la presente que somos votantes legalmente elegibles del
distrito electoral distrito de la ciudad de West New York, en dicho distrito vivimos,
que somos miembros del Partido DEMOCRATA y que es nuestra intencion afiliarnos a dicho Partido DEMOCRATA
en las elecciones subseguientes, y que apoyamos a:

NAME IN FULL (Print) RESIDENCE AND P.O. ADDRESS (Print)
NOMBRE COMPLETO (Escriba en letras de molde) RESIDENCIA Y DIRECCION (Escriba en letras de molde)

- 1. Bonnie Rodriguez - Bonnie Rodriguez - 6123 Highland Place, 07093
2. Joseph F. Rodriguez - Joseph F. Rodriguez - 6123 Highland Place, 07093

as candidates for nomination to the office of Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC County Committee
of the Ward District of the Town of West New York, and we request that you print upon
the official Primary ballot of the DEMOCRATIC Party the names of the persons above herein mentioned, and we
hereby certify that they are legally qualified under the laws of this State to be nominated to said office and that
said persons so endorsed are members of the political party named in this petition.

como candidatos para la nominacion a los puestos de miembros del Comité del Condado DEMOCRATA del
Condado de Hudson del distrito electoral distrito de la ciudad de West New
York, y solicitamos que se ordene imprimir los nombres de las antedichas personas en la balota primaria oficial
del Partido DEMOCRATA y certificamos por la presente que ellos llenan los requisitos legales segun las leyes
del Estado para ser nombrados para dichos puestos y ademas certificamos que dichas personas son miembros
del partido politico estipulado en esta peticion.

1. Signature/Firma: Bonnie Rodriguez
6123 Highland Place
Residence address/Direccion

PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE: Bonnie Rodriguez
West New York
City/Ciudad

2. Signature/Firma: Joseph F. Rodriguez
6123 Highland Place
Residence address/Direccion

PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE: JOSEPH F. RODRIGUEZ
West New York
City/Ciudad

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| <p>3. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6100 Highland Place</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Jose m Alcantara</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>4. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6035 Blvd. E. Apt B1</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>JOSE R. NUNDOZA</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p><u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6035 Blvd. E Apt B1</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Claudia Blanco Alfonso</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York.</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>6. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>623 Highland Place</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>CARIDAD RODRIGUEZ</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>7. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>621 Highland Place</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>SOMIA VARGAS.</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West NJ 07093</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>8. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6119 Highland Pl.</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>MACDA ALFONSO</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>9. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6119 HIGHLAND PL</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Milagros Rodriguez</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>W NEW YORK NJ 07093</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>10. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6127 Highland PL</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Osana Garcia</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>11. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6121 Highland PL</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>GLENN RODRIGUEZ</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>12. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6121 Highland Place</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Amy Rodriguez</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF HUDSON } s.s.

Affidavit of Person Who Circulates This Petition and Witnesses Signatures
(To be signed by Circulator) (N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)

The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the signatures on this petition. The circulator must take the affidavit for a petition he/she solicits and sign in the presence of a person authorized to administer affidavits (e.g. notary public).

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF HUDSON } s.s.

I, Tosca F Rodriguez, of full age, being duly sworn or affirmed upon his/her oath depose and say that said petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own proper handwriting; that each of the signers is, to the best knowledge and belief of deponent, a legal voter of the Town of West New York,

Ward 3, District 1, in the County of Hudson of the State of New Jersey, as stated in said petition, and belongs to the political party named in said petition; and that such petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the person named therein in order to secure his/her nomination or selection as stated in said petition; and further affirm that I am a registered voter in the State of New Jersey, whose party affiliation is of the same political party named in the petition.

Declaración Jurada de la persona que Circula esta Petición y las Firmas de Testigos
(Debe ser firmado por el Circulante) (N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)

El testigo que obtenga esta declaración jurada debe ser la misma persona que obtenga las firmas en esta petición. El circulante debe llevar la declaración jurada para que él/ella solicite una petición y firme en presencia de una persona autorizada que administre declaraciones juradas (por ejemplo un notario público).

ESTADO DE NUEVA JERSEY }
CONDADO DE HUDSON } s.s.

Yo, _____, siendo mayor de edad, habiendo declarado bajo juramento

Escriba en letra de molde el nombre del circulante/testigo que declara que es uno de los firmantes de la antedicha petición; que la antedicha petición ha sido firmada por cada uno de los firmantes de su puño y letra; de acuerdo a su mejor conocimiento y creencias del deponente, votantes legales del Municipio de West New York, Distrito Electoral _____, Distrito _____, en el Condado de Hudson del Estado de Nueva Jersey, como se indica en dicha petición, y afiliados al partido político de dicha petición; y tal petición es preparada y presentada de buena fe con el única intención de apoyar a la persona nombrada como candidato/a con el fin de asegurar su nominación o elección como indica en dicha petición; yo afirmo además que soy un votante registrado en el Estado de Nueva Jersey, cuyo partido político es el mismo en esta petición.

Subscribed and sworn to this
1st day of April, 2018 at West New York before me

DAVID MOORE
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 8, 2019

Jurado y declarado ante mí
este _____ día de _____
de 20 _____ en _____

[Signature]
Notary Public/Notario

[Signature]
One of the above 10 signers makes above oath and signs name here
Uno de los 10 firmantes anteriores presta juramento y firma aquí
Joseph F. Rodriguez
PRINT NAME/ESCRIBA EL NOMBRE EN LETRAS DE MOLDE

WRITE PLAIN AND FIRST NAME IN FULL

We hereby declare that we are legally qualified for the office of Members of the Hudson County Democratic County Committee mentioned in the foregoing petition, and we hereby consent to stand as candidates for said nomination at the ensuing Primary Election and if nominated we hereby agree to accept said nomination.

ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE EL NOMBRE COMPLETO

Nosotros declaramos por la presente que llenamos los requisitos legales para los puestos de Miembros del Comité del Condado Demócrata del Condado de Hudson, como mencionado en la petición anterior, y consentimos por la presente en presentarnos como candidatos para dichas nominaciones en las elecciones primarias subsiguientes, y si seamos nominados, consentimos en aceptar dichas nominaciones.

NAME/NOMBRE	RESIDENCE AND P.O. ADDRESS/RESIDENCIA Y DIRECCIÓN
1. <i>[Signature]</i> SIGNATURE/FIRMA <u>6123 Highland Place</u> Residence address/Dirección	<u>Bonnie Rodriguez</u> PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE <u>West New York</u> City/Ciudad
2. <i>[Signature]</i> SIGNATURE/FIRMA <u>6123 Highland Place</u> Residence address/Dirección	<u>Joseph F. Rodriguez</u> PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE <u>West New York</u> City/Ciudad

WRITE PLAIN AND FIRST NAME IN FULL
ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE EL NOMBRE COMPLETO

We, the above endorsed candidates for the office of Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC County Committee, do hereby request you to group together and bracket our names, and to print opposite our names so bracketed, on the said Primary Ticket for the ensuing Primary Election, the following designation:

Nosotros, los antedichos candidatos apoyados para los puestos de Miembros del Comité del Condado DEMOCRATA del Condado de Hudson, pedimos por la presente que nuestros nombres sean colocados juntos entre corchetes y que se ordene imprimir la siguiente designación enfrente de nuestros nombres entre los corchetes en la balota primaria para las elecciones primarias subsiguientes:

Hudson County Democratic Organization
(Not more than six words, No más que seis palabras)

<i>[Signature]</i> SIGNATURE/FIRMA <u>Bonnie Rodriguez</u> PRINT Name/ Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE	<i>[Signature]</i> SIGNATURE/FIRMA <u>Joseph F. Rodriguez</u> PRINT Name/ Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
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Notice: All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report Act". For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission 609-292-8700 or 888-313-3532.



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DEMOCRATA del Condado de Hudson

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TO/A: CARMELA RICCIE
Town Clerk/Secretario/a Municipal

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WEST NEW YORK, N.J.

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we are qualified legal voters of
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DEMOCRATIC Party, and that we and each of us intend to affiliate with the said DEMOCRATIC Party at the ensuing
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en las elecciones subsiguientes, y que apoyamos a:

NAME IN FULL
(Print)
NOMBRE COMPLETO
(Escriba en letras de molde)

RESIDENCE AND P.O. ADDRESS
(Print)
RESIDENCIA Y DIRECCION
(Escriba en letras de molde)



- 1. Claudia Blanco 6035 Boulevard East (B1) - West New York NJ
2. Jose Ruben Mendoza 6035 Blvd East West New York NJ 07093

as candidates for nomination to the office of Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC County Committee
of the Ward District of the Town of West New York, and we request that you print upon
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del Partido DEMOCRATA y certificamos por la presente que ellos llenan los requisitos legales según las leyes
del Estado para ser nombrados para dichos puestos y además certificamos que dichas personas son miembros
del partido político estipulado en esta peticion.

1. Signature/Firma
6035 Blvd East Apt B1
Residence address/Direccion
2. Signature/Firma
6035 Boulevard East Apt B1
Residence address/Direccion

Claudia Blanco
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
City/Ciudad
Jose Ruben Mendoza
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
West New York NJ 07093
City/Ciudad

3.	 SIGNATURE/FIRMA	<u>Jose P. Mendez</u> PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
	<u>6035 Boulevard East</u> Residence address/Dirección	<u>West New York NJ 07093</u> City/Ciudad
4.	 SIGNATURE/FIRMA	<u>Jose M Alcantara</u> PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
	Residence address/Dirección	City/Ciudad
5.	SIGNATURE/FIRMA	PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
	Residence address/Dirección	City/Ciudad
6.	SIGNATURE/FIRMA	PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
	Residence address/Dirección	City/Ciudad
7.	SIGNATURE/FIRMA	PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
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8.	SIGNATURE/FIRMA	PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
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10.	SIGNATURE/FIRMA	PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF HUDSON } s.s.

Affidavit of Person Who Circulates This Petition and Witnesses Signatures
(To be signed by Circulator) (N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)

The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the signatures on this petition. The circulator must take the affidavit for a petition he/she solicits and sign in the presence of a person authorized to administer affidavits (e.g. notary public).

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF HUDSON } s.s.

I, Claudia Blanco, of full age, being duly sworn or affirmed upon his/her oath depose and say that said petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own proper handwriting; that each of the signers is, to the best knowledge and belief of deponent, a legal voter of the Town of West New York,

Ward ____, District ____, in the County of Hudson of the State of New Jersey, as stated in said petition, and belongs to the political party named in said petition; and that such petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the person named therein in order to secure his/her nomination or selection as stated in said petition; and further affirm that I am a registered voter in the State of New Jersey, whose party affiliation is of the same political party named in the petition.

Declaración Jurada de la persona que Circula esta Petición y las Firmas de Testigos
(Debe ser firmado por el Circulante) (N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)

El testigo que obtenga esta declaración jurada debe ser la misma persona que obtenga las firmas en esta petición. El circulante debe llevar la declaración jurada para que él/ella solicite una petición y firme en presencia de una persona autorizada que administre declaraciones juradas (por ejemplo un notario público).

ESTADO DE NUEVA JERSEY }
CONDADO DE HUDSON } s.s.

Yo, _____, siendo mayor de edad, habiendo declarado bajo juramento
Escribe en letra de molde el nombre del circulante/testigo

que declara que es uno de los firmantes de la antedicha petición; que la antedicha petición ha sido firmada por cada uno de los firmantes de su puño y letra; de acuerdo a su mejor conocimiento y creencias del deponente, votantes legales del Municipio de West New York, Distrito Electoral _____, Distrito _____, en el Condado de Hudson del Estado de Nueva Jersey, como se indica en dicha petición, y afiliados al partido político de dicha petición; y tal petición es preparada y presentada de buena fe con el única intención de apoyar a la persona nombrada como candidato/a con el fin de asegurar su nominación o elección como indica en dicha petición; yo afirmo además que soy un votante registrado en el Estado de Nueva Jersey, cuyo partido político es el mismo en esta petición.

Subscribed and sworn to this
1st day of APRIL, 2018 at 12:55 PM

Jurado y declarado ante mí
este ____ día de ____
de 20 ____ en ____



One of the above 10 signers makes above oath and signs name here
Uno de los 10 firmantes anteriores presta juramento y firma aquí
Jose Ruben Mendoza
Notary Public/Notario PRINT NAME/ESCRIBA EL NOMBRE EN LETRAS DE MOLDE

WRITE PLAIN AND FIRST NAME IN FULL

We hereby declare that we are legally qualified for the office of Members of the Hudson County Democratic County Committee mentioned in the foregoing petition, and we hereby consent to stand as candidates for said nomination at the ensuing Primary Election and if nominated we hereby agree to accept said nomination.

ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE EL NOMBRE COMPLETO

Nosotros declaramos por la presente que llenamos los requisitos legales para los puestos de Miembros del Comité del Condado Demócrata del Condado de Hudson, como mencionado en la petición anterior, y consentimos por la presente en presentarnos como candidatos para dichas nominaciones en las elecciones primarias subsiguientes, y si seamos nominados, consentimos en aceptar dichas nominaciones.

NAME/NOMBRE	RESIDENCE AND P.O. ADDRESS/RESIDENCIA Y DIRECCIÓN
1. <i>Claudia Blanco</i> SIGNATURE/FIRMA 6035 Boulevard East, Apt B-1 Residence address/Dirección	<u>Claudia Blanco</u> PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE <u>West New York, NJ</u> City/Ciudad
2. <i>Jose Ruben Mendoza</i> SIGNATURE/FIRMA 6035 Boulevard East Apt B-1 Residence address/Dirección	<u>Jose Ruben Mendoza</u> PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE <u>West New York</u> City/Ciudad

WRITE PLAIN AND FIRST NAME IN FULL
ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE EL NOMBRE COMPLETO

We, the above endorsed candidates for the office of Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC County Committee, do hereby request you to group together and bracket our names, and to print opposite our names so bracketed, on the said Primary Ticket for the ensuing Primary Election, the following designation:

Nosotros, los antedichos candidatos apoyados para los puestos de Miembros del Comité del Condado DEMOCRATA del Condado de Hudson, pedimos por la presente que nuestros nombres sean colocados juntos entre corchetes y que se ordene imprimir la siguiente designación enfrente de nuestros nombres entre los corchetes en la balota primaria para las elecciones primarias subsiguientes:

Hudson County Democratic Organization
(Not more than six words, No más que seis palabras)
Claudia Blanco SIGNATURE/FIRMA
Claudia Blanco PRINT Name/ Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
Jose Ramon Mendoza SIGNATURE/FIRMA
Jose Ramon Mendoza PRINT Name/ Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE

Notice: All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report Act". For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission 609-292-8700 or 888-313-3532.



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HUDSON)

Claudia Blanco, 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 Municipal 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 was 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 3-1.
5. Not 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.

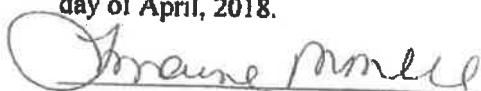
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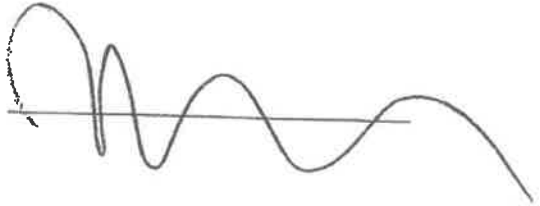
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day of April, 2018.



LORRAINE MORRELL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
I.D. # 2445768
My Commission Expires 4/28/2019

6. As a result of this widespread conduct, I am also requesting that all the petitions which Mr. Castaneda circulated should be rejected.

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Sworn and Subscribed to

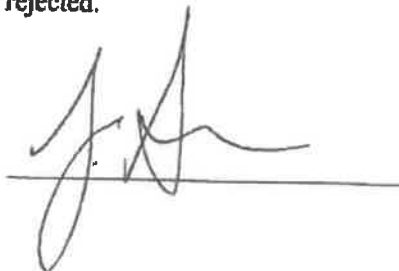
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LORRAINE MORRELL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
I.D. # 2448768
My Commission Expires 4/28/2019

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Lorraine Morrell

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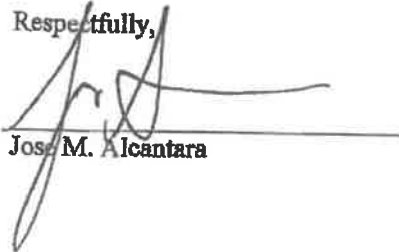


4/5/2018

Dear Town Clerk Riccie,

I am here by withdrawing my signature form the County Committee Petition for committee woman/ or committee man of Ward 3 District 1 which was submitted on April 2, 2018 by Cosmo Cirillo, again please withdraw from this petition immediately

Respectfully,



Jose M. Alcantara

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WEST NEW YORK, N.J.



4/5/18

Dear Town Clerk Riccie,

I am here by withdrawing my signature from the County Committee Petition for committee man/
committee woman of Ward 3 District 1 which was submitted on April 2, 2018 by Cosmo Cirillo, again
please withdraw my signature from this petition immediately.

Respectfully

Claudia Blanco

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4/5/18

Dear Town Clerk Riccio,

I am here by withdrawing my signature from the County Committee Petition for committee man/^A committee woman of Ward 3 District 1 which was submitted on April 2, 2018 by Cosmo Cirillo, again please withdraw my signature from this petition immediately.

Respectfully,

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Jose Ruben Mendoza

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Attorneys for Carmela Riccie,
West New York's Town Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF OBJECTIONS TO
PETITIONS FILED BY CANDIDATES
RUNNING FOR WEST NEW YORK
DEMOCRATIC MUNICIPAL
COMMITTEE UNDER THE SLOGAN
"HUDSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
ORGANIZATION.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, HUDSON
COUNTY, TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK,
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM

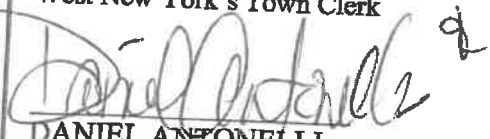
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO:

Jonathan Castaneda
6511 Madison Street, Apt. 3
West New York, New Jersey 07093

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to attend and give testimony in the above
referenced matter, at West New York Town Clerk's Office, Room 2, Municipal Building, 428-60th
Street, West New York, New Jersey 07093, on **April 11, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.** and once there, to
testify as a witness in the above captioned matter.

Failure to appear or comply according to the command of this Subpoena will subject you
to a penalty, damages in a Civil Suit and punishment for contempt of Court.

ANTONELLI KANTOR, P.C.
Attorneys for Carmela Riccie,
West New York's Town Clerk


DANIEL ANTONELLI

/s/ Michelle M. Smith
Michelle M. Smith, Esq.
Clerk, Superior Court of New Jersey

Dated: April 10, 2018

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April 10, 2018

Via Guaranteed Subpoena

Jonathan Castaneda
6511 Madison Street, Apt. 3
West New York, New Jersey 07093

**Re: Hearing on Objections to Petitions Filed by Candidates Running for West
New York Democratic Municipal Committee Under the Slogan "Hudson
County Democratic Organization"**

Dear Mr. Castaneda:

This firm represents Carmela Riccie, West New York's Town Clerk in the above-referenced matter. In that connection, enclosed for service is a *Subpoena Ad Testificandum* requiring you to appear and give testimony at the West New York Town Clerk's Office on **April 11, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Very truly yours,

Daniel Antonelli

DA/cs

Encl.

cc: Carmela Riccie (via email)



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Your Process **20180410120108** Has Been
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 Relationship/Title: **SELF**
 Description: **Sex: M Age: 21-35 Height: 5'9"-6'0" Weight: OVER 200 LBS.**
Skin: WHITE Hair: BLACK Other: GLASSES

Location: **HOME**
 At Same Address: **6511 MADISON STREET, APT. 3**
WEST NEW YORK NJ 07093
 In the Case/Docket: **N/A Claim:**
 Plaintiff: **IN THE MATTER OF OBJECTION TO PETITIONS FILED BY CANDIDATES**
RUNNING FOR WEST NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE
UNDER THE SLOGAN "HUDSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION"
 Defendant: **N/A**
 Attorney: **JARRID H. KANTOR, ESQ.**
 Phone/Fax/Email: **9086233676 9088660336 JKANTOR@AKNJLAW.COM**
 Firm: **ANTONELLI KANTOR, PC.**
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The proof of service, the affidavit of process server or the acknowledgement of service will be arriving
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Visit us on the web to get the latest status of your process, request services, make a payment and
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ARE WE FILING THIS AFFIDAVIT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 4:4-7?
WE WILL DO IT AUTOMATICALLY FOR \$9.99.

CALL TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

CARMELA RICCIE

From: Jonathan Castaneda <jonathanfcastaneda@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:22 AM
To: CARMELA RICCIE
Subject: Subpoena 4/11



Good Morning Carmela,

Please be advised that I received a subpoena last evening, (dated Tuesday, April 10, 2018) at 7:00PM to appear before you this morning, Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 10:30AM.

This subpoena was handed to me only hours before a hearing, and I am not available on such unreasonably short notice. I received this notice late in the evening well after business hours were over, and I do not feel comfortable with this.

I will not be attending this morning to serve as a witness, as I need an opportunity to speak with legal counsel before appearing for a subpoena.

Thank you for your attention.

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Sincerely

Jonathan Casta
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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HUDSON)

I, Bonnie Rodriguez of full age, certifies as follows:

1. I signed a petition in support of Bonnie Rodriguez and Joseph F. Rodriguez to appear on the June 2018 ballot for the office of West New York Democratic Municipal Committee in Ward 3 District 1.
2. These candidates' names were clearly on the petition that I signed, and I was fully aware of the office for which they were running. I was not deceived into signing this petition in any way.
3. I stand by my signature on this petition and continue to request that these candidates appear on the ballot in the June 2018 Democratic Primary Election.
4. Due to obligations, I am unable to appear at the April 11, 2018 hearing on short notice but would be prepared to do so if this proceeds further.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Bonnie Rodriguez

Sworn and Subscribed to
before me this 10th

day of April, 2018

[Handwritten Signature]

DAVID MOREL
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 6, 2017

EXHIBIT
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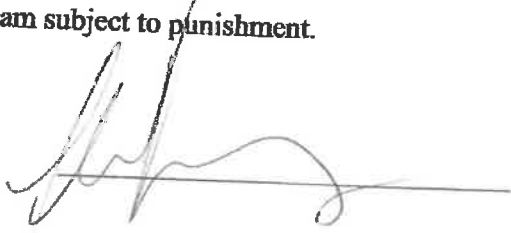
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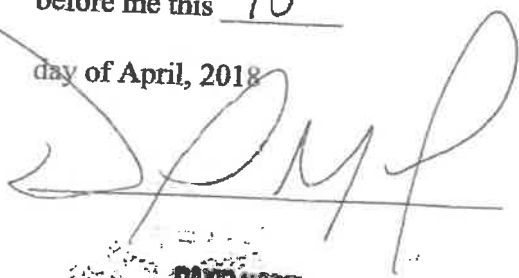
I, Glenn Rodriguez of full age, certifies as follows:

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Sworn and Subscribed to
before me this 10th
day of April, 2018



DAVID MOREL
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 6, 2019

EXHIBIT
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PENSAID 800-681-6890

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HUDSON)

I, Sonnia Vargas of full age, certifies as follows:

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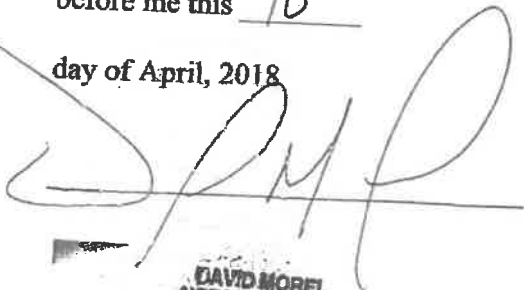
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Sworn and Subscribed to

before me this 10th

day of April, 2018



DAVID MOREL
NOTARY PUBLIC,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 8, 2019

EXHIBIT
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April 6, 2018

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Stephen J. Edelstein
s.edelstein@selawgroup.com

Hand Delivered
Carmela Riccio, 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. Riccio:

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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Twin Ponds
Executive Campus
600 Birchfield Drive
Suite 603-A
Mt. Laurel, NJ
08054
973.301.0001

New York Office:
415 Madison Avenue
16th Floor
New York, New York
10017
212.752.5258



Carmela Riccio, Town Clerk
April 6, 2018
Page 2

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



STEPHEN J. EDELSTEIN
A Member Of The Firm

SJE/al



Schwartz ■ Edelstein
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
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Albeiro Raigosa, having been duly sworn according to law says:

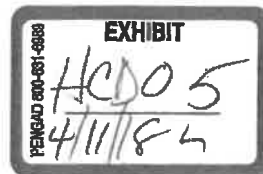
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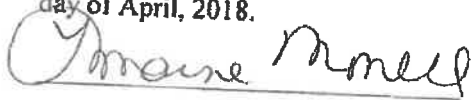
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Sworn and Subscribed to

before me this 12

day of April, 2018.



LORRAINE MORRELL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
I.D. # 2445768
My Commission Expires 4/28/2019

Town of West New York
Ciudad de West New York

Names and Addresses Must Be Plainly Written and Printed
WRITE FIRST NAME IN FULL
 Los nombres y las direcciones deben ser escritos claramente en letras de molde.
ESCRIBA EL NOMBRE DE PILA COMPLETO.



Primary Petition for Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC County Committee

Petición Primaria para los Miembros del Comité del Condado DEMOCRATA del Condado de Hudson

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WARD/DISTRITO ELECTORAL

DISTRICT/DISTRITO

TO/A: **CARMELA RICCIÉ**
 Town Clerk/Secretario/a Municipal

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 JON C. BERRY'S OFFICE
 WEST NEW YORK, N.J.

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we are qualified legal voters of Election District of the Town of West New York, in which District we all reside, that we are members of the DEMOCRATIC Party, and that we and each of us intend to affiliate with the said DEMOCRATIC Party at the ensuing election, and that we and each of us hereby endorse:

Nosotros, los abajo firmantes, declaramos por la presente que somos votantes legalmente elegibles del distrito electoral distrito de la ciudad de West New York, en dicho distrito vivimos, que somos miembros del Partido DEMOCRATA y que es nuestra intención afiliarnos a dicho Partido DEMOCRATA en las elecciones subsiguientes, y que apoyamos a:

NAME IN FULL
 (Print)
 NOMBRE COMPLETO
 (Escriba en letras de molde)

RESIDENCE AND P.O. ADDRESS
 (Print)
 RESIDENCIA Y DIRECCIÓN
 (Escriba en letras de molde)

1. Patricia Delgado 6019 Tyler Pl #2 WNY
2. Jorge Delgado 6019 Tyler Pl #2 WNY

as candidates for nomination to the office of Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC County Committee of the 2 Ward 7 District of the Town of West New York, and we request that you print upon the official Primary ballot of the DEMOCRATIC Party the names of the persons above herein mentioned, and we hereby certify that they are legally qualified under the laws of this State to be nominated to said office and that said persons so endorsed are members of the political party named in this petition.

como candidatos para la nominación a los puestos de miembros del Comité del Condado DEMOCRATA del Condado de Hudson del distrito electoral distrito de la ciudad de West New York, y solicitamos que se ordene imprimir los nombres de las antedichas personas en la balota primaria oficial del Partido DEMOCRATA y certificamos por la presente que ellos llenan los requisitos legales según las leyes del Estado para ser nombrados para dichos puestos y además certificamos que dichas personas son miembros del partido político estipulado en esta petición.

1. Patricia Delgado
 SIGNATURE/FIRMA
6019 Tyler Pl. APT #2
 Residence address/Dirección

Patricia Delgado
 PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
West New York
 City/Ciudad

2. Jorge Delgado
 SIGNATURE/FIRMA
6019 Tyler Pl. APT #2
 Residence address/Dirección

Jorge Delgado
 PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
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| <p>3. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6012 Harrison Place</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Kyle Jameson</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>4. <u>[Signature]</u>
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<u>6012 Harrison Place</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Kerry Jameson</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>5. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6012 Harrison Pl.</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Patricia Jameson</u>
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<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>6. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6012 Harrison Pl.</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Robert C Jameson</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>7. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6019 Tyler Pl.</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Charlie Calderin</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>8. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6014 Tyler Pl.</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Jessica Calderin</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>9. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6019 Tyler Pl.</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Olivia Lopez</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>10. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6027 Tyler Pl.</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>alberto Fernandez</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>11. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6027 Tyler Pl.</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>Marlon Fernandez</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |
| <p>12. <u>[Signature]</u>
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
<u>6027 Tyler Pl.</u>
Residence address/Dirección</p> | <p><u>ANGELA Fernandez</u>
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u>
City/Ciudad</p> |

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF HUDSON } s.s.
Jorge Delgado J.D. 4-5-18

Affidavit of Person Who Circulates This Petition and Witnesses Signatures
(To be signed by Circulator) (N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)

The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the signatures on this petition. The circulator must take the affidavit for a petition he/she solicits and sign in the presence of a person authorized to administer affidavits (e.g. notary public).

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF HUDSON } s.s.

1. Jorge Delgado J.D. 4-5-18, of full age, being duly sworn or affirmed upon his/her oath depose and say that said petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own proper handwriting; that each of the signers is, to the best knowledge and belief of deponent, a legal voter of the Town of West New York,

Ward 2, District 2, in the County of Hudson of the State of New Jersey, as stated in said petition, and belongs to the political party named in said petition; and that such petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the person named therein in order to secure his/her nomination or selection as stated in said petition; and further affirm that I am a registered voter in the State of New Jersey, whose party affiliation is of the same political party named in the petition.

Declaración Jurada de la persona que Circula esta Petición y las Firmas de Testigos
(Debe ser firmado por el Circulante) (N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)

El testigo que obtenga esta declaración jurada debe ser la misma persona que obtenga las firmas en esta petición. El circulante debe llevar la declaración jurada para que él/ella solicite una petición y firme en presencia de una persona autorizada que administre declaraciones juradas (por ejemplo un notario público).

ESTADO DE NUEVA JERSEY }
CONDADO DE HUDSON } s.s.

Yo, _____, Escriba en letra de molde el nombre del circulante/testigo, siendo mayor de edad, habiendo declarado bajo juramento

que declara que es uno de los firmantes de la antedicha petición; que la antedicha petición ha sido firmada por cada uno de los firmantes de su puño y letra; de acuerdo a su mejor conocimiento y creencias del deponente, votantes legales del Municipio de West New York, Distrito Electoral _____, Distrito _____, en el Condado de Hudson del Estado de Nueva Jersey, como se indica en dicha petición, y afiliados al partido político de dicha petición; y tal petición es preparada y presentada de buena fe con el única intención de apoyar a la persona nombrada como candidato/a con el fin de asegurar su nominación o elección como Indica en dicha petición; yo afirmo además que soy un votante registrado en el Estado de Nueva Jersey, cuyo partido político es el mismo en esta petición.

Subscribed and sworn to this

1st day of April, 2018 at West New York before me

Jurado y declarado ante mí

este _____ día de _____

de 20 _____ en _____

[Signature]
Notary Public/Notario

One of the above 10 signers makes above oath and signs name here
Uno de los 10 firmantes anteriores presta juramento y firma aquí

Jorge L. Delgado
PRINT NAME/ESCRIBA EL NOMBRE EN LETRAS DE MOLDE

WRITE PLAIN AND FIRST NAME IN FULL

We hereby declare that we are legally qualified for the office of Members of the Hudson County Democratic County Committee mentioned in the foregoing petition, and we hereby consent to stand as candidates for said nomination at the ensuing Primary Election and if nominated we hereby agree to accept said nomination.

ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE EL NOMBRE COMPLETO

Nosotros declaramos por la presente que llenamos los requisitos legales para los puestos de Miembros del Comité del Condado Demócrata del Condado de Hudson, como mencionado en la petición anterior, y consentimos por la presente en presentarnos como candidatos para dichas nominaciones en las elecciones primarias subsiguientes, y si seamos nominados, consentimos en aceptar dichas nominaciones.

1. Patricia Delgado
SIGNATURE/FIRMA

6019 Tula Place, Apt. 2
Residence address/Dirección

RESIDENCE AND P.O. ADDRESS/RESIDENCIA Y DIRECCIÓN

Patricia Delgado
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE

WNY
City/Ciudad

2. *[Signature]*
SIGNATURE/FIRMA

6019 Tula Place, Apt. 2
Residence address/Dirección

Jorge L. Delgado
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE

WNY
City/Ciudad

WRITE PLAIN AND FIRST NAME IN FULL
ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE EL NOMBRE COMPLETO

We, the above endorsed candidates for the office of Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC County Committee, do hereby request you to group together and bracket our names, and to print opposite our names so bracketed, on the said Primary Ticket for the ensuing Primary Election, the following designation:

Nosotros, los antedichos candidatos apoyados para los puestos de Miembros del Comité del Condado DEMOCRATA del Condado de Hudson, pedimos por la presente que nuestros nombres sean colocados juntos entre corchetes y que se ordene imprimir la siguiente designación enfrente de nuestros nombres entre los corchetes en la balota primaria para las elecciones primarias subsiguientes:

[Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA

Patricia Delgado
PRINT Name/ Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE

[Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA

Jorge L. Delgado
PRINT Name/ Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE

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Town of West New York Ciudad de West New York

Names and Addresses Must Be Plainly Written and Printed
WRITE FIRST NAME IN FULL
Los nombres y las direcciones deben ser escritos claramente en letras de molde.
ESCRIBA EL NOMBRE DE PILA COMPLETO.



Primary Petition for Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC County Committee

Petición Primaria para los Miembros del Comité del Condado DEMÓCRATA del Condado de Hudson

2

WARD/DISTRITO ELECTORAL _____

TO/A: **CARMELA RICCIE**
Town Clerk/Secretario/a Municipal

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
WEST NEW YORK, N.J.

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DISTRICT/DISTRITO _____

Ward 4

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we are qualified legal voters of _____ Ward
Election District of the Town of West New York, in which District we all reside, that we are members of the
DEMOCRATIC Party, and that we and each of us intend to affiliate with the said DEMOCRATIC Party at the ensuing
election, and that we and each of us hereby endorse:

Nosotros, los abajo firmantes, declaramos por la presente que somos votantes legalmente elegibles del
_____ distrito electoral _____ distrito de la ciudad de West New York, en dicho distrito vivimos,
que somos miembros del Partido DEMÓCRATA y que es nuestra intención afiliarnos a dicho Partido DEMÓCRATA
en las elecciones subsiguientes, y que apoyamos a:

NAME IN FULL (Print)	RESIDENCE AND P.O. ADDRESS (Print)
NOMBRE COMPLETO (Escriba en letras de molde)	RESIDENCIA Y DIRECCIÓN (Escriba en letras de molde)

1. Ivonne Arroyo, 405-58th Street, Apt 6, West New York, NJ 07093
2. Albeiro Raigosa, 409-58th Street, Apt 03, West New York, NJ 07093

as candidates for nomination to the office of Members of the Hudson County DEMOCRATIC County Committee
of the _____ Ward _____ District of the Town of West New York, and we request that you print upon
the official Primary ballot of the DEMOCRATIC Party the names of the persons above herein mentioned, and we
hereby certify that they are legally qualified under the laws of this State to be nominated to said office and that
said persons so endorsed are members of the political party named in this petition.

como candidatos para la nominación a los puestos de miembros del Comité del Condado DEMÓCRATA del
Condado de Hudson del _____ distrito electoral _____ distrito de la ciudad de West New
York, y solicitamos que se ordene imprimir los nombres de las antedichas personas en la balota primaria oficial
del Partido DEMÓCRATA y certificamos por la presente que ellos llenan los requisitos legales según las leyes
del Estado para ser nombrados para dichos puestos y además certificamos que dichas personas son miembros
del partido político estipulado en esta petición.

1. *Ivonne Arroyo*
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
405-58th Street, Apt 6.
Residence address/Dirección

2. *Albeiro Raigosa*
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
409-58th Street, Apt 03
Residence address/Dirección

Ivonne Arroyo
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
West New York
City/Ciudad

Albeiro Raigosa
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
West New York
City/Ciudad

3. [Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
301-53rd St Apt. B-4
Residence address/Dirección

4. [Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
413 59th St. Apt. 1
Residence address/Dirección

5. [Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
413-59th Street Apt 1
Residence address/Dirección

6. [Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
5705 PALISADE AVE. APT. # 2
Residence address/Dirección

7. [Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
5705 PALISADE AVE. APT. # 2
Residence address/Dirección

8. [Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
405 58th APT 4 WNY APT #4
Residence address/Dirección

9. [Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
6024 Harrison Pl. Apt 201
Residence address/Dirección

10. [Signature]
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
413-59th Street Apt. 1, West New York
Residence address/Dirección

11. _____
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
Residence address/Dirección

12. _____
SIGNATURE/FIRMA
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Soraya Castillo
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
West New York, NJ 07093
City/Ciudad

Lina Estrada
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West New York, NJ 07093
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JOIGE Estrada
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West New York, NJ 07093
City/Ciudad

Riguel D. CARRERA
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West New York, N.J. 07093
City/Ciudad

Gloria E. Carrera
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West New York, N.J. 07093
City/Ciudad

Jennifer ROSAS
PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
West New York
City/Ciudad

Carmen Sofia Aparado
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West New York
City/Ciudad

DANIEL ESTOLADO
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WEST NEW YORK, NJ
City/Ciudad

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF HUDSON } s.s.

Albeiro Raigosa A.R. 09/03/18
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COUNTY OF HUDSON } s.s.

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CONDADO DE HUDSON } s.s.

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Subscribed and sworn to this
16th day of February, 2018 at 6:00pm before me

Jurado y declarado ante mí
este _____ día de _____
de 20__ en _____


Notary Public/Notario
JONATHAN CASTANEDA
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Comm. # 50057898

One of the above 10 signers makes above oath and signs name here
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Albeiro Raigosa
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1.	<u>Ivonne Arroyo</u> SIGNATURE/FIRMA <u>405-58th Street, Apt. 6</u> Residence address/Dirección
2.	<u>Albeiro Raigosa</u> SIGNATURE/FIRMA <u>409-58th Street, Apt. 03</u> Residence address/Dirección

RESIDENCE AND P.O. ADDRESS/RESIDENCIA Y DIRECCIÓN
<u>Ivonne Arroyo</u> PRINT Name/Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
<u>West New York</u> City/Ciudad
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<u>Ivonne Arroyo</u> SIGNATURE/FIRMA <u>Ivonne Arroyo</u> PRINT Name/ Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE	<u>Hudson County Democratic Committee</u> <u>Albeiro Raigosa</u> SIGNATURE/FIRMA <u>Albeiro Raigosa</u> PRINT Name/ Escriba el nombre en LETRAS DE MOLDE
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JONATHAN CASTANEDA
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Comm. # 50057898
My Commission Expires 08/11/2020