CITY OF HOBOKEN Office of the Clerk

RAVI S. BHALLA Mayor



JAMES FARINA City Clerk

May 31, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL
Honorable Members of the City Council
94 Washington Street
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Re: Hoboken Initiative & Referendum Petition Certification of Review of Petition Results

Dear Councilmembers,

Please accept this correspondence as notification of the certification of the results of an initiative and referendum petition submitted to the City Clerk regarding the City's Rent Control Ordinance, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-187. Pursuant to the below Certification, the Clerk's Office's review of the signatures to the petition submitted on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 determined that the petition was insufficient. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-188, the Committee of Petitioners may amend the petition within ten (10) days of this notice. The below Certification will be certified to the Council at the next regular meeting on June 5, 2024.

CERTIFICATION OF JAMES FARINA

I, James Farina, RMC, hereby certify as follows:

- 1. My office reviewed the petitions submitted by Ron Simoncini on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 relative to the initiative and referendum proposed ordinance amendment attached hereto.
- 2. Mr. Simoncini submitted the petition on behalf of himself and five (5) other committee members, namely, Anthony Soares, James Vance, Rose Marie Markle, Justin Calabrese and Nicholas Dinallo (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee of Petitioners").
- 3. The Committee of Petitioners submitted a petition with 2,162 signatures.
- 4. Out of 2,162 signatures, 802 were found to be valid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-187.
- 5. The remaining 1,360 signatures were found to be invalid signatures, as the signatories were not found to be qualified voters based upon comparison to the current registered voter logs.

- 6. Pursuant to voting records provided by Hudson County, Superintendent of Elections the Committee of Petitioners required 1,365.6 valid signatures to the petition for it to move forward.
- 7. Due to the fact that the Committee of Petitioners did not meet the statutorily required number of valid signatures, this petition is declared defective.
- 8. The Committee of Petitioners shall be notified of this determination by receipt of a copy of this Certification pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-187, and shall have the opportunity to amend the petition within ten (10) days pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-188.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby 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.

James Farina, Hoboken City Clerk

Dated: May 31, 2024