STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

I, Audrey McGraw, being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I am the clerk for Jefferson County. Among other election-related duties, I am responsible for coordinating the printing of both primary and general election ballots and for distributing ballots to municipal clerks.
- 2. On September 1, 2020, the Wisconsin Elections Commission finalized the list of candidates for President and Vice President that will appear on the ballot for the upcoming Fall General Election and transmitted the certified list of all candidates for President and Vice President that are scheduled to appear on the ballot.
- 3. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the August 26, 2020, email communication sent by the Commission to Wisconsin County clerks. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the September 1, 2020, email communication sent by the Commission to Wisconsin county clerks.
- 4. The list of candidates I received from the Commission does not include the Green Party candidates for President and Vice President.
- 5. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.10(3)(a), county clerks are required to distribute ballots to municipal clerks no later than September 16, 2020.
- 6. In order to meet the statutory deadline to distribute ballots to municipal clerks, my staff and I have begun the process of communicating

our ballot order with the third-party vendor the County utilizes. While any order issued by a court as a result of pending ballot-access litigation that requires the addition of Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates to the Fall General Election ballot would require additional communication with the County's third-party vendor printer, changes to the ballot could be made as late as September 11, 2020, before noon, and still allow for the County to meet its statutory deadline of September 16, 2020, to distribute ballots to municipal clerks.

7. While an order temporarily enjoining the printing of any ballots or suspending the Commission's certification of all candidates on the candidate list for the election would have the effect of preventing counties from moving forward with printing and possibly create some uncertainty, so long as final resolution were achieved by the morning of September 11, 2020, my county and, on information and belief, all counties would be able to meet the statutory deadline of September 16, 2020, to distribute ballot to municipal clerks.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2020,

Jefferson County Clerk

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Subscribed and sworn to before me

day of September, 2020.

Commission expires:



From: From the Wisconsin Elections Commission < <u>elections@wi.gov</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 12:20:00 PM

Subject: High Priority / Type B Notice for November General Election / All County Clerks

Dear County Clerks,

Please find the Type B notice attached to this message for the November General Election. We wanted to also provide you with some updates on candidate certification as we understand you are waiting for that information to complete ballot preparations. As you know, there are three certifications that need to happen prior to a presidential election and they are all in various stages of completion at this point. I know that we are usually able to provide you with candidate certification when we provide the Type B notice but we are not able to consolidate that information for this election. Here is the update on candidate certification:

- 1. **Partisan Primary Canvass** We have noticed the canvass signing for this afternoon (8/26) at 4pm. Once the August canvass is signed we will send the candidate certification list to the counties.
- 2. **Major Party Presidential Candidates** The Commission is expected to certify the slate of candidates for President and Vice President from the major political parties during their 9/1 meeting. We have received filings from 2 of the 3 parties and are waiting for the last set of filings from the Republican Party, which are expected soon.
- 3. **Independent Presidential Candidates** The Commission met and approved candidates from two parties at their meeting last week and denied ballot access to two other groups. We have not heard if any of the parties who were denied ballot access will appeal the Commission's decisions. The approved candidates are as follows (listed with their name as it should appear on the ballot):
 - Jo Jorgensen / Jeremy Spike Cohen representing the Libertarian Party
 - Brian Carroll / Amar Patel representing the American Solidarity Party

We will communicate any changes in status to the list of candidates as soon as we receive them. We will also let you know if any court challenges are filed against the Commission's decisions for the independent

presidential candidates. Thank you for all of your hard work in support of this election cycle. Let us know if you have any questions about when the full list of candidates will be available.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

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From: From the Wisconsin Elections Commission <elections@wi.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:52 PM

Subject: RE: Confirmation of Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates for Ballot Access Parties

To clarify:

Today the Commission certified the nominees for President and Vice President for ballot access parties (Democratic, Republican, and Constitution). These three candidates join the independent President and Vice President candidates they certified on 8/20. You should not remove the Libertarian Party nor the American Solidarity Party candidates for President and Vice President from your ballot proofs.

Best,

Riley Willman

Elections Administration Specialist Wisconsin Elections Commission (608)261-2030

Riley.Willman@wisconsin.gov



From: Willman, Riley P - ELECTIONS

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 2:08 PM

To: Willman, Riley P - ELECTIONS <Riley.Willman@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Confirmation of Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates for Ballot Access Parties

Dear County Clerks,

This message is to confirm that the Wisconsin Elections Commission just voted to confirm the candidates for President and Vice President from the three ballot access parties at their public meeting today. We can confirm the certified candidates are as follows:

Party	Presidential Candidate	Vice Presidential Candidate
Democratic Party	Joseph R. Biden	Kamala D. Harris
Republican Party	Donald J. Trump	Michael R. Pence
Constitution Party	Don Blankenship	William Mohr

This represents the last of three certifications needed to finalize the candidate list for the November ballot. The Partisan Primary canvass was signed on 8/26 and the independent candidates for President and Vice President were certified by the Commission during their 8/20 public meeting.

As we reported last week there has been a legal challenge to the ballot access status for the independent presidential ticket of Kanye West and Michelle Tidball, <u>but we do not have any updates as to those proceedings</u>. We have not been informed that any hearings or court proceedings have been scheduled in that case. We will inform you of any changes to this status once we receive notification from the courts or our counsel at Wisconsin Department of Justice.

We have also seen some recent media statements from the candidates for the Green Party that they intend to file in court to attempt to gain ballot access, but we have not received confirmation that they have filed.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Best,

Riley Willman

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