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November 14, 2020

*Via Electronic Mail Only*

All Counsel  
Court Reporters

**Re: In re: Canvass of Absentee and Mail-in Ballots of November 3,  
2020 General Election**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Kindly see attached Notices of Appeal being filed today. All counsel will also received notice via the e-file system.

Very truly yours,



LINDA A. KERNS

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Attachments

cc: Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: CANVASS OF ABSENTEE AND  
MAIL-IN BALLOTS OF NOVEMBER 3,  
2020 GENERAL ELECTION

No. 201100874

November Term, 2020

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Linda A. Kerns

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Is this transcript request associated with an appeal? ☒ Yes ☐ No Children's Fast Track ☐ Yes ☐ No

**II. Requestor Information**

I am Counsel for Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. ☐ Self-Represented ☐ Not a party to this action

Court Appointed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does this request qualify for a reduced rate pursuant to Rule 4007(E)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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ELECTION

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

NOVEMBER TERM, 2020

No. 201100874

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**ORDER**

AND NOW, to-wit, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, upon consideration of Petitioner Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.'s Notice of Appeal via Petition for Review of the Decision of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections, the response of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections and the submissions on behalf of Intervenor, DNA Services Corp./Democratic National Committee and the arguments of counsel, it appearing that Petitioner has properly and timely sought review of the decision of the Board of Elections pursuant to 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3146(g)(6), it further appearing that Petitioner is not contending that there has been fraud, that there is evidence of fraud or that the ballots in question were not filled out by the elector in whose name the ballot was issued, and it further appearing that Petitioner does not allege fraud or irregularity in the canvass and counting of the ballots, and the Court finding that the Intervenor's Objection to the consideration of the appeal as an "eligibility challenge" pursuant to 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3146.8 is a mischaracterization of the above-referenced review (and therefore a meritless objection), the Court finds as follows:

1. Petitioner asserts a challenge to the decision of the Board of Elections to count the votes represented in the grouping designated Category 3, those being 1,211 ballots on

which the outer envelope contains only the Elector's signature but which do not have the date, printed name or the elector's address filled out in the space provided.

2. The envelope provided to the elector from the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth contains a direction in the form of a checklist on the back of the envelope that directs the elector to sign the declaration, but makes no mention of filling out the date or other information.
  3. The Election Code provides that a voter shall "fill out, date and sign the declaration" on the outer envelope.
  4. The term "fill out" in the Code is not a defined term and is ambiguous.
  5. The pre-printed ballot already contains the elector's name and address on the pre-printed exterior envelope.
  6. Neither a date nor the elector's filling out of the printed name or of the address are requirements necessary to prevent fraud.
  7. The Petitioner concedes that all ballots by a qualified elector in this category were timely received.
  8. The Election Code directs the Court of Common Pleas in considering appeals from the County Board of Elections to make such decree as right and justice may require.
- 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3157.

WHEREFORE, the Court ORDERS and DECREES that the Petition is **DENIED**. The Court further ORDERS AND DECREES that the decision of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections in canvassing and counting 1,211 absentee and mail-in ballots containing the elector's signature on the Declaration envelope but missing the date and other "fill out" information is

**AFFIRMED** as in accordance with the provisions of the Election Code and the decisions of the Courts interpreting the Code.

**BY THE COURT,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Crumlish", is written over a horizontal line.

Crumlish, J.

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IN RE: CANVASS OF ABSENTEE AND  
MAIL-IN BALLOTS OF NOVEMBER 3,  
2020 GENERAL ELECTION

No. 201100875

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

NOVEMBER TERM, 2020

No. 201100875

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**ORDER**

AND NOW, to-wit, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, upon consideration of Petitioner Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.'s Notice of Appeal via Petition for Review of the Decision of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections, the response of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections and the submissions on behalf of Intervenors, DNA Services Corp./Democratic National Committee and the arguments of counsel, it appearing that Petitioner has properly and timely sought review of the decision of the Board of Elections pursuant to 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3146(g)(6), it further appearing that Petitioner is not contending that there has been fraud, that there is evidence of fraud or that the ballots in question were not filled out by the elector in whose name the ballot was issued, and it further appearing that Petitioner does not allege fraud or irregularity in the canvass and counting of the ballots, and the Court finding that the Intervenor's Objection to the consideration of the appeal as an "eligibility challenge" pursuant to 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3146.8 is a mischaracterization of the above-referenced review (and therefore a meritless objection), the Court finds as follows:

1. Petitioner asserts a challenge to the decision of the Board of Elections to count the votes represented in the grouping designated Category 4, those being 1,259 ballots on which the outer envelope contains only the Elector's signature and hand-printed address but which do not have the date on which the Elector signed the envelope.

2. The envelope provided to the elector from the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth contains a direction in the form of a checklist on the back of the envelope that directs the elector to sign the declaration, but makes no mention of filling out the date or other information.
3. The Election Code provides that a voter shall “fill out, date and sign the declaration” on the outer envelope.
4. The term “fill out” in the Code is not a defined term and is ambiguous.
5. The pre-printed ballot already contains the elector’s name and address on the pre-printed exterior envelope.
6. Neither a date nor the elector’s filling out of the printed name or of the address are requirements necessary to prevent fraud.
7. The Petitioner concedes that all ballots by a qualified elector in this category were timely received.
8. The Election Code directs the Court of Common Pleas in considering appeals from the County Board of Elections to make such decree as right and justice may require.  
25 Pa. C.S.A. §3157.

WHEREFORE, the Court ORDERS and DECREES that the Petition is **DENIED**. The Court further ORDERS AND DECREES that the decision of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections in canvassing and counting 1,259 absentee and mail-in ballots containing the elector’s signature, hand-printed name and address on the Declaration envelope but missing the date is

**AFFIRMED** as in accordance with the provisions of the Election Code and the decisions of the Courts interpreting the Code.

**BY THE COURT,**

  
Crumlish, J.

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IN RE: CANVASS OF ABSENTEE AND  
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2020 GENERAL ELECTION

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1. Petitioner asserts a challenge to the decision of the Board of Elections to count the votes represented in the grouping designated Category 5, those being 533 ballots on which the outer envelope contains the Elector's signature, the date and the elector's

address filled out in the space provided but do not have the Elector's name printed under the signature.

2. The envelope provided to the elector from the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth contains a direction in the form of a checklist on the back of the envelope that directs the elector to sign the declaration, but makes no mention of filling out the date or other information.
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  6. Neither a date nor the elector's filling out of the printed name or of the address are requirements necessary to prevent fraud.
  7. The Petitioner concedes that all ballots by a qualified elector in this category were timely received.
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- 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3157.

WHEREFORE, the Court ORDERS and DECREES that the Petition is **DENIED**. The Court further ORDERS AND DECREES that the decision of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections in canvassing and counting 533 absentee and mail-in ballots containing the elector's signature, hand-written address and date on the Declaration envelope but missing the hand-

printed name under the signature is **AFFIRMED** as in accordance with the provisions of the Election Code and the decisions of the Courts interpreting the Code.

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IN RE: CANVASS OF ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN  
BALLOTS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL  
ELECTION

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

NOVEMBER TERM, 2020

No. 201100877

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**ORDER**

AND NOW, to-wit, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, upon consideration of Petitioner Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.'s Notice of Appeal via Petition for Review of the Decision of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections, the response of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections and the submissions on behalf of Intervenor, DNA Services Corp./Democratic National Committee and the arguments of counsel, it appearing that Petitioner has properly and timely sought review of the decision of the Board of Elections pursuant to 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3146(g)(6), it further appearing that Petitioner is not contending that there has been fraud, that there is evidence of fraud or that the ballots in question were not filled out by the elector in whose name the ballot was issued, and it further appearing that Petitioner does not allege fraud or irregularity in the canvass and counting of the ballots, and the Court finding that the Intervenor's Objection to the consideration of the appeal as an "eligibility challenge" pursuant to 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3146.8 is a mischaracterization of the above-referenced review (and therefore a meritless objection), the Court finds as follows:

1. Petitioner asserts a challenge to the decision of the Board of Elections to count the votes represented in the grouping designated Category 3, those being 860 ballots on which the outer envelope contains the Elector's signature, hand-printed name and date but which do not have the elector's address filled out in the space provided.

2. The envelope provided to the elector from the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth contains a direction in the form of a checklist on the back of the envelope that directs the elector to sign the declaration, but makes no mention of filling out the date or other information.
3. The Election Code provides that a voter shall “fill out, date and sign the declaration” on the outer envelope.
4. The term “fill out” in the Code is not a defined term and is ambiguous.
5. The pre-printed ballot already contains the elector’s name and address on the pre-printed exterior envelope.
6. Neither a date nor the elector’s filling out of the printed name or of the address are requirements necessary to prevent fraud.
7. The Petitioner concedes that all ballots by a qualified elector in this category were timely received.
8. The Election Code directs the Court of Common Pleas in considering appeals from the County Board of Elections to make such decree as right and justice may require.  
25 Pa. C.S.A. §3157.

WHEREFORE, the Court ORDERS and DECREES that the Petition is **DENIED**. The Court further ORDERS AND DECREES that the decision of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections in canvassing and counting 860 absentee and mail-in ballots containing the elector’s signature, hand-printed name and date on the Declaration envelope but missing the hand-written



address is **AFFIRMED** as in accordance with the provisions of the Election Code and the decisions of the Courts interpreting the Code.

BY THE COURT,

Crumlish, J.  
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: CANVASS OF ABSENTEE AND  
MAIL-IN BALLOTS OF NOVEMBER 3,  
2020 GENERAL ELECTION

No. 201100878

November Term, 2020

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Notice is hereby given that Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.

Above named, hereby appeals to the:

☐ Superior Court

☒ Commonwealth Court

☐ Supreme Court

of Pennsylvania, from the Order entered in the above case,  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Crumlish	Traffic Court/Zoom
Presiding Judge or Arraignment Court Magistrate	Courtroom
November 13, 2020	
Date(s) of Proceeding	Co-Defendant docket # (If applicable)
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Is this transcript request associated with an appeal? ☒ Yes ☐ No Children's Fast Track ☐ Yes ☐ No

**II. Requestor Information**

I am Counsel for Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. ☐ Self-Represented ☐ Not a party to this action

Court Appointed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does this request qualify for a reduced rate pursuant to Rule 4007(E)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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**ORDER**

AND NOW, to-wit, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, upon consideration of Petitioner Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.'s Notice of Appeal via Petition for Review of the Decision of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections, the response of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections and the submissions on behalf of Intervenors, DNA Services Corp./Democratic National Committee and the arguments of counsel, it appearing that Petitioner has properly and timely sought review of the decision of the Board of Elections pursuant to 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3146(g)(6), it further appearing that Petitioner is not contending that there has been fraud, that there is evidence of fraud or that the ballots in question were not filled out by the elector in whose name the ballot was issued, and it further appearing that Petitioner does not allege fraud or irregularity in the canvass and counting of the ballots, and the Court finding that the Intervenor's Objection to the consideration of the appeal as an "eligibility challenge" pursuant to 25 Pa. C.S.A. §3146.8 is a mischaracterization of the above-referenced review (and therefore a meritless objection), the Court finds as follows:

1. Petitioner asserts a challenge to the decision of the Board of Elections to count the votes represented in the grouping designated Category 3, those being 4,466 ballots on which the outer envelope contains the Elector's signature and the date but which do not have the printed name or the elector's address filled out in the space provided.

2. The envelope provided to the elector from the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth contains a direction in the form of a checklist on the back of the envelope that directs the elector to sign the declaration, but makes no mention of filling out the date or other information.
3. The Election Code provides that a voter shall “fill out, date and sign the declaration” on the outer envelope.
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6. Neither a date nor the elector’s filling out of the printed name or of the address are requirements necessary to prevent fraud.
7. The Petitioner concedes that all ballots by a qualified elector in this category were timely received.
8. The Election Code directs the Court of Common Pleas in considering appeals from the County Board of Elections to make such decree as right and justice may require.  
25 Pa. C.S.A. §3157.

WHEREFORE, the Court ORDERS and DECREES that the Petition is **DENIED**. The Court further ORDERS AND DECREES that the decision of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections in canvassing and counting 4,466 absentee and mail-in ballots containing the elector’s signature and the date on the Declaration envelope but missing the other “fill out” information

(hand-printed name and address) is **AFFIRMED** as in accordance with the provisions of the Election Code and the decisions of the Courts interpreting the Code.

**BY THE COURT,**

  
Crumlish, J.

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No.

November Term, 2020

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

I, Linda A. Kerns, Esquire, hereby certify that I am this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020 serving a true and correct copy of the Notice of Appeal together with the Order of Transcript, by electronic mail except where indicated and by the Court's electronic filing system, to the following:

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