



November 18, 2022

Honorable Craig Stephen Brown
County Court Judge, Acting Supreme Court Justice
County Court of the County of Orange
Supreme Court of the State of New York
285 Main Street
Goshen, New York 10924

BY NYSCEF

RE: In the matter of Houle v. New York State Board of Elections, et al, **EF006424-2022**

Judge Brown:

We are in receipt of the NYSCEF “bounce” carrying with it the letter of Mr. Harding on behalf of Mr. Skoufis. We reply herewith.

While Mr. Harding’s citations to the CPLR are well taken, he is attempting to create a dispute where none should exist. In the event that my letter was not clear, we withdraw and ask to discontinue this proceeding. We have no intention of pursuing or having implemented the relief contained in this Court’s Order of November 17, 2022. Mr. Harding, on the other hand, seeks an order of this Court re-writing history.

There is simply no reason to vacate the prior order of this Court beyond Mr. Harding’s fear that it might be cited as persuasive authority to another Justice in another case, just as he cited Justice DelConte’s Order to this Court.

The history and record of this case is the history and record of this case. It would appear that any motion practice by Mr. Skoufis constitutes the actions of a “sore winner” in this case and the election contest. He is not entitled to claim “Youthful Offender” status and have the record of this case sealed so that none can see it in the future.

We advised the State Board and Mr. Harding of our action immediately upon getting instruction from our clients, and well before the filing deadline for briefs. If we are to be required to file briefs, so be it [We anticipate Mr. Harding’s next claim that we are in default]. The decision of the Court on the issues being briefed would constitute an advisory opinion – which the Courts are and should not be issuing. There could be no appeal of any order which might follow as the matter would be mooted by the conclusion of the election contest.

Should Mr. Skoufis wish, he could appeal from the November 17th Order.

The exercise would not be in the interests of Judicial Economy. This case must end now.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, the best way to reach me is on my cell phone, 518 522 3548.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ciampoli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end. A diagonal watermark reading "REMOVED FROM DEMOCRACYPDOCKET.COM" is overlaid across the signature.

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