Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Republican Election Inspector Appointments

October 19, 2026

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into between the Election Commission of the City of Lansing ("Election Commission"), on the one hand the Republican National Committee ("RNC"), Michigan Republican Party ("MRP"), and Ingham County Republican Party ("Ingham GOP") on the other hand, for the purpose of clarifying and/or facilitating the appointment of Republican Election Inspectors. The Parties to this agreement may be identified individually or, where appropriate, collectively as the ("Parties"). As of the date identified above, and into the future, the Parties hereby agree to the following:

- The Lansing City Clerk's Office ("Clerk's Office") will email an election inspector application to each person identified on the "Republican Inspector Nominations" list sent to the City Clerk by the MRP and Ingham GOP, within 5 business days after receiving the list if that list includes email addresses. The Clerk's Office will copy the Chair of the Ingham GOP on such emails.

- The Clerk's Office will also call each person named on the Republican Inspector Nomination lists, if a phone number is provided on the lists.

- The Clerk's Office will provide each person named on a Republican Inspector Nomination list who submits an application a training date for that person. If the person has a scheduling conflict with that training date, the City Clerk's Office will make reasonable efforts to accommodate that person's schedule with a new training date if possible, given the availability of staff and the need to have several people attend trainings for the sake of efficiency.

- A person qualified to serve who submits an application before the last training may attend that training and, if successful in training, be appointed and allowed to serve. The City Clerk is not responsible if a person identified on the Republican Inspector Nomination list does not identify themself as a Republican on their application.

- For each primary and general election during even numbered years, two weeks before the election and one week after the election, the City Clerk will provide to the Chair of the MRP and Ingham GOP a list of all persons named on the Republican Inspector Nomination lists to whom the Clerk's Office provided an application, who returned a completed application to the City Clerk, and who have been scheduled for or completed the required training. During all other times, the City Clerk's Office will continue respond promptly to communications from party officers about status of persons identified on the Republican Inspector Nomination lists.

- The Lansing City Clerk will continue to recommend that the Election Commission appoint the persons named on the Republican Inspector Nomination lists who submit an application, are not statutorily disqualified, and who successfully complete the required training, unless either excused from training by the Lansing City Clerk for good cause or if the person has otherwise satisfactorily passed an examination given by the Lansing City Clerk and/or Election Commission, in which cases the Lansing City Clerk will recommend that the Election Commission appoint those persons as election inspectors. Nothing in this MOU authorizes a person to serve as an election inspector if that person has not in the preceding 2 years either

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attended a training or satisfactorily passed an examination given by the City Clerk and/or Election Commission. The Election Commission will continue to consider in good faith all persons recommended for appointment by the City Clerk.

- The Lansing City Clerk will continue to allocate election inspectors such that at least one inspector for each major party is assigned to each absent voter counting board, election day precinct, and early voting site, consistent with MCL 168.674(2), to the extent that a sufficient number of Republicans apply and successfully complete the required training to serve as election inspectors at each type of location. If, the Lansing City Clerk having assigned at least one Republican inspector to each absent voter counting board, election day precinct, and early voting site, additional Republicans apply and successfully complete the required training to serve as election inspectors, the City Clerk will allocate those Republican election inspectors to the absent voter counting boards, election day precincts, and early voting sites to achieve an equal number, as nearly as possible, of election inspectors in each location from each major political party, and, when allocating, will accommodate a Republican inspector's reasonable location request if possible.

- The Lansing City Clerk will provide additional training opportunities for election inspectors, including on a date within one week of the beginning of early voting.

- If any applicant identified on the above-referenced Republican Inspector Nominations lists who has filed an application and successfully completed training is not appointed or allowed to serve as an election inspector, the Lansing City Clerk will inform the Chair of the MRP and Ingham GOP, in writing, of the reason the applicant was not appointed or allowed to serve at the same time that the notice is required to be provided under MCL 168.674(2) to the county chair of each major political party of the names and political party affiliations of appointed election inspectors and the precincts to which those election inspectors were appointed.

- The Lansing City Clerk and election commission will not count an election inspector from a minor political party as fulfilling the requirements of MCL 168.674 for one of the major political parties.

- The Lansing City Clerk will continue to cooperatively work with the MRP and Ingham GOP to develop a clear line of communication between designated points of contact from the City Clerk's office and the MRP and Ingham GOP so as to foster constructive discourse, share information on the periodic progress of the City Clerk's office on appointing Republican inspectors, and to promptly address questions and issues that may arise in connection with this MOU and compliance with MCL 168.674.

- The intent of this Memorandum of Understanding is to clarify the City Clerk's and Election Commission's processes and practices in a manner that complies with MCL 168.674. The Memorandum of Understanding does not modify MCL 168.674.

- Once the Parties have executed this MOU, the RNC, MRP, and Ingham GOP agree to dismiss the Circuit Court Case, *Ingham County Republican Party, Michigan Republican Party, and Republican National Committee v. Election Commission of the City of Lansing, Stacey Bassi, Gregory Venker, and Chris Swope,* without prejudice or costs and fees to any party.

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