



## City Clerk's Office

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December 3, 2024

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Dear Ben Sparks:

Thank you for your request dated October 2, 2024, for records pertaining to “any challenges to elector registrations received by the Office of the Clerk...including any written affidavits challenging the validity of any elector registrations and/or any other formal or informal challenges that sought to have challenged electors’ registration status changed to ineligible.” You also requested records reflecting any action taken by our office. The requests were for the time between the November 8, 2022, General Election through the date the search is conducted. Our office sent an initial reply via email on October 2, 2024, stating we had received your request. We also advised that there would likely be a delay in addressing your request because of the upcoming November 5, 2024, General Election and the work involved in administering an election, along with daily tasks office staff must complete and working public records requests in the order in which they are received. At that time there were 17 requests ahead of yours. We said we would be in touch with updates and/or records.

We sent an update via email on November 11, 2024, to advise that while Election Day itself was over, we were still working on completing required post-election tasks. We also advised there were now 11 records requests ahead of yours.

We provided another email update on November 27, 2024. We advised we were nearing the end of required post-election work and that there currently only 5 requests head of yours. We used November 27, 2024, as our search date. This letter serves as a final update.

Regarding your request, we will address each part, below.

- 11/8/2022 General Election
  - o **There were no official challenges made by election officials, election inspectors, or poll workers that sought to have challenged electors’ registration status changed to ineligible during the 11/8/2022 General Election. Therefore, we have no responsive records to provide.**

- 2/21/2023 Spring Primary
  - **There were no official challenges made by election officials, election inspectors, or poll workers that sought to have challenged electors' registration status changed to ineligible during the 2/21/2023 Spring Primary. Therefore, we have no responsive records to provide.**
- 4/4/2023 Spring Election
  - **There were no official challenges made by election officials, election inspectors, or poll workers that sought to have challenged electors' registration status changed to ineligible during the 4/4/2023 Spring Election. Therefore, we have no responsive records to provide.**
- 2/20/2024 Spring Primary
  - **There were no official challenges made by election officials, election inspectors, or poll workers that sought to have challenged electors' registration status changed to ineligible during the 2/20/2024 Spring Primary. Therefore, we have no responsive records to provide.**
- 4/2/2024 Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary
  - **There were no official challenges made by election officials, election inspectors, or poll workers that sought to have challenged electors' registration status changed to ineligible during the 4/2/2024 Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary. Therefore, we have no responsive records to provide.**
- 8/13/2024 Partisan Primary
  - **There were no official challenges made by election officials, election inspectors, or poll workers that sought to have challenged electors' registration status changed to ineligible during the 8/13/2024 Partisan Primary. Therefore, we have no responsive records to provide.**
- 11/5/2024 General Election
  - **There were no official challenges made by election officials, election inspectors, or poll workers that sought to have challenged electors' registration status changed to ineligible during the 11/5/2024 General Election. Therefore, we have no responsive records to provide.**

We appreciate your patience and understanding as our office worked to honor your October 2, 2024, request. The office staff who handle open records requests also perform daily duties. Solely honoring your request would have diverted precious resources from our primary mission of providing election-related services for the November 5, 2024, General Election, such as voter registrations, providing notary public services, and providing licensure services to the City for applicants wishing to establish bars, restaurants, Airbnb's, and apartment complexes to name a few. The same staff who respond to open records requests such as yours, also must respond to daily office duties such as those just listed. While providing public records is an essential mission of our office, we could not cease other office operations to dedicate continuous attention to this request. We also work records requests in the order in which they are received.

I hope that this letter is responsive to your request. Please let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Haar, WCMC  
City Clerk's Office Records Custodian