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COMMISSIONERS'
PETITION & COVER SHEET REVIEW

42 Broadway - 6th floor
Commissioners' Hearing Room

New York, NY 10004

July 30, 2020

2:01 p.m. - 2:04 p.m.

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PRESENT:

Commissioner Jose Araujo

Commissioner John Wm. Zaccone

Rafael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Zoya Shpigelman, Contract Attorney

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2 (The meeting commenced at 2:01 p.m.)

3 MR. RAFAEL SAVINO: Good afternoon,
4 commissioners, this is the cover sheet review
5 committee meeting. It is July 30th at 2:01 p.m.
6 and we have the honor of being joined by our
7 commissioner volunteers today, Commissioner
8 Zaccone and Commissioner Araujo. Seated to my
9 left is Zoya Shpigelman, contract attorney at the
10 Board and I am Rafael Savino, deputy general
11 counsel.

12 Fortunately, we just have one matter to
13 present to you today and Zoya will be handling
14 that.

15 MS. ZOYA SHPIGELMAN: Okay. As Mr.
16 Savino said, we only have one potential defect to
17 present. It is for Dao Yin, a candidate for the
18 borough president of Queens County. Independent
19 nominating petitions under the name of Red Dragon
20 Party and a cover sheet were filed on his behalf.
21 Unfortunately, when a bipartisan team reviewed
22 the cover sheet, they observed that it failed to
23 list, as legally required, the number of petition
24 volumes that were filed. It's therefore the

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2 recommendation of staff that this be found a
3 defect. As you are aware, this is a curable
4 defect.

5 MR. SAVINO: And the materials were, as
6 you know, scanned and sent over for your review,
7 so you should have those in front of you.

8 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Right.

9 MR. SAVINO: If you take a look at the
10 cover sheet, it looks like it's about nine
11 volumes.

12 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Nine volumes, yes.

13 MR. SAVINO: But where the, there is a
14 line for it, but it's just blank. He didn't fill
15 in, as required, total number of volumes. Or he,
16 you know, whoever filed it.

17 COMMISSIONER JOHN WM. ZACCONE: Let me
18 ask a question. On the cover page, total number
19 of volumes, it said, it looks like C or
20 something.

21 MR. SAVINO: Oh, the C is in red on our
22 copy.

23 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Yes.

24 MR. SAVINO: That was our staff circling

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2 where the missing information should have been.

3 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: That
4 [unintelligible] [00:01:51] question. So anything
5 [unintelligible] [00:01:53] black.
6 [unintelligible] [00:01:56].

7 MR. SAVINO: Got you. Yeah, sometimes we
8 have color. Usually, when I scan it's in color, I
9 don't know what happened.

10 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Yeah.

11 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Right.

12 MR. SAVINO: Alright. Well --

13 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: [unintelligible]
14 [00:02:11] recommendation.

15 MR. SAVINO: Thank you, commissioner.

16 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Thank you.

17 MR. SAVINO: Commissioner Zaccone?

18 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: I second, I
19 agree.

20 MR. SAVINO: Okay. Alright. Well, you
21 guys know the drill, I mean I have a copy of the
22 form here, if on your copy you could initial it
23 and I guess interoffice it or scan it and send it
24 back to us. But I will fill in for you guys on

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2 this copy so we have it.

3 MS. SHPIGELMAN: And we will, we will
4 send a notice of non-compliance and the candidate
5 will have three days to try and cure the defect
6 cover sheet, as you know.

7 MR. SAVINO: Alright, commissioners.

8 That --

9 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Thank you.

10 MR. SAVINO: Thank you.

11 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Thank you.

12 MR. SAVINO: That, that actually
13 concludes the commissioners' cover sheet review
14 committee meeting for today, and we will let, the
15 commissioners who will be sitting tomorrow, I
16 believe one is Commissioner Zacccone, if there are
17 any matters that will need to be presented
18 tomorrow. As of now, I'm not aware of any, but it
19 is the last night to file, so we'll see what
20 comes in. Thank you, commissioners.

21 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Thank you so much.

22 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Thank you.

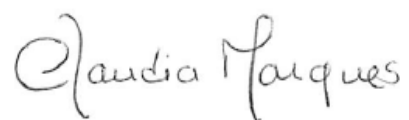
23 MR. SAVINO: Take care.

24 (The meeting concluded at 2:04 p.m.)

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