



Frederick County Board of Elections

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April 3, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Frederick County Data Center Referendum Committee

Mr. Steve Black

2313 New Design Road

Adamstown, MD. 21710

Dear Mr. Black,

The Frederick County Board of Elections has verified all signatures on your petition submission from March 19, 2026. In relation to the Petition for Referendum of Frederick County Council Ordinance 26-01-00, the verification process at the Frederick County Board of Elections confirmed the following:

Number of signatures processed: 24,053

Number of valid signatures: 21,029

Number of invalid signatures: 3,024

It has been determined that you have gathered enough valid signatures to exceed the threshold for signatures (signed by 7 percent of the County's qualified voters). That number calculated to be 15,611 as set forth in the Frederick County Charter section 308.

There is a presumption that a petition is sufficient unless there is a finding or determination of a deficiency. Under EL 6-206 (b) --- Unless a determination of deficiency is made under subsection (c) ... the chief election official shall (1) make a determination that the petition, as to matters other than the validity of signatures, is sufficient.

I have reviewed each number under EL 6-206 subsection (c) and there is no deficiency under 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. However, as the chief election official, based on the advice of legal authority (Board Counsel) I am unable to make a determination that the petition is not authorized by law under EL 6-206 (c) (5) (i). In short, since there is a presumption of sufficiency, unless a determination of a deficiency is made, and I am unable to make a determination of a deficiency, the petition is sufficient for purposes of EL 6-206. The Frederick County Board of Elections will inform the Frederick County Council and the Frederick County Office of Law of the final disposition of the petition.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wagner

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Election Director, CERA

CC: Frederick County Board of Elections
Frederick County Office of Law
Frederick County Council