

November 5, 2024 Election Protest of Jefferson Griffin
N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice, Seat 6

PROTESTOR

1. Provide your preferred contact information:

Name: Jefferson Griffin County of Residence: Carteret
Email: jefferson@jeffersongriffin.com Phone: contact counsel
Mailing Address: PO Box 99780 Raleigh, NC 27624

NOTE: You will be deemed to consent to service at all of the above addresses (including email), unless you attach an addendum indicating otherwise.

2. Are you represented by counsel? ☒ Yes ☐ No

NOTE: If you answered Yes, above, your counsel must complete and you must attach the Counsel Certification Addendum.

3. Mark all that describe you:

- ☒ Candidate for the office of Seat 6 of the Supreme Court of North Carolina
☐ Registered voter eligible to participate in the protested election contest
☐ Neither of the above*
**If you select this option, you are not eligible to file a protest.*

PROTEST SCOPE

4. List all election contests subject to your protest and calculate the margin of votes separating the apparent winner from the runner-up as of the date of filing. Your response does not waive your right to contest the validity of the current vote count. If your protest concerns all contests on the ballot, you must include the vote margin for each contest.

Protested Contest(s)	Current Vote Margin (subtract runner-up totals from apparent winner's totals)
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5. This protest alleges (*select at least one*):

- ☐ A defect in the manner by which votes were counted or results tabulated sufficient to cast doubt on the apparent results of the election.
☒ A violation of election law, irregularity, or misconduct sufficient to cast doubt on the apparent results of the election.

FACTUAL BASIS & LEGAL ARGUMENT

6. Provide all factual allegations in support of your protest. If any fact you allege is outside the scope of your personal knowledge, you may attach affidavits from those who have personal knowledge of that fact. All facts you allege in connection with this protest must be true and accurate to the best of your knowledge, and brought in the sincere belief that the facts alleged form a good faith basis to protest the conduct and results of the election.

It appears the county board of elections has counted ballots cast by voters who had their registration denied and were therefore ineligible to vote in an election.

Under North Carolina law, no one may vote unless he is registered to vote. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-82.1(a). A voter's application to register may be denied, or a voter may have his registration denied or otherwise be lawfully removed from the voter rolls. *See, e.g.*, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-82.9. Such persons, lacking a valid registration, shall not vote in an election. N.C. Const. art. VI, § 3(1).

We have identified voters in the county who cast a ballot in the election but whose application to register to vote was ultimately denied, or who were otherwise removed from the voter registration rolls. EXHIBIT A is an affidavit that includes a list that identifies such voters that was created from information provided in response to public records requests and other publicly available information. It appears that some, if not all, of these ballots were accepted, processed, and counted by the county board of elections. These actions violate North Carolina law.

7. List all individuals, if any, you may call as witnesses to substantiate facts listed in Prompt 6. If there are multiple individuals, summarize the facts of which the individual has personal knowledge.

Ryan Bonifay

8. Cite any statute or case, administrative rule or decisions, and election policy or procedure that supports your claim set out under Prompt 5.

N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 163-82.1, -82.9; N.C. Const. art. VI, § 3(1).

RELIEF

9. What effect do you believe the facts alleged in response to Prompt 6, if proven, will have on the electoral outcome in the protested contest(s)? Your response should account for the current vote margin calculated in response to Prompt 4.

- ☐ The electoral outcome of the protested contest(s) will change.
- ☐ The electoral outcome of the protested contest(s) will not change.
- ☒ I am uncertain whether the outcome of the contest(s) will change.
- ☐ Other _____

10. What relief do you seek?

- ☒ Correct the vote count
- ☐ A new election
- ☐ Other: _____

ASSISTANCE

11. List all persons who assisted you in preparing the contents of this protest and indicate the nature of the assistance provided:

See Counsel Certification Addendum

Note: For protestors represented by an attorney, this protest is the initial filing in a proceeding as defined by N.C. State Bar Rules. *See* 27 N.C.A.C. 02 Rule 1.00(n).

12. Has any candidate, political party, organization, or person acting on behalf of the same requested that you bring this protest?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

13. Have you received any financial or other benefit or promise of future financial or other benefit in exchange for filing this protest?

- ☐ Yes

x No

AFFECTED PARTIES & SERVICE

You must serve copies of all filings on every person with a direct stake in the outcome of this protest ("Affected Parties"). Affected Parties include every candidate seeking nomination or election in the protested contest(s) listed under Prompt 4, not only the apparent winner and runner-up. If a protest concerns the eligibility or ineligibility of particular voters, all such voters are Affected Parties and must be served. Address information for registered voters is available from the county board of elections or using the Voter Lookup at www.ncsbe.gov.

Materials may be served by personal delivery, transmittal through U.S. Mail or commercial carrier service to the Affected Party's mailing address of record on file with the county board of elections or the State Board, or by any other means affirmatively authorized by the Affected Party. If you know the Affected Party is represented by an attorney, service must be made on his or her counsel. Service must occur within one (1) business day of filing materials with the county board of elections. If service is by transmittal through the U.S. Mail or commercial carrier service, service will be complete when the properly addressed, postage-paid parcel is deposited into the care and custody of the U.S. Mail or commercial carrier service. It is your responsibility to ensure service is made on all Affected Parties.

14. List all Affected Parties, including their service address:

<i>Affected Party</i>	<i>Service Address</i>
<u>Allison Riggs</u>	<u>1001 Wade Ave, Suite 323, Raleigh, NC 27605</u>
<u>See list attached to EXHIBIT A</u>	<u>See list attached to EXHIBIT A</u>
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PROTESTOR CERTIFICATION

15. By signing this protest application, you affirm the following:

I, Jefferson Griffin (full name), swear, under penalty of perjury, that the information provided in this protest filing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I have read and understand the following:

(initial)
JG
JG
JG

I have reviewed the statutes and administrative rules governing election protests, including all deadlines.

My protest must originate with a filing at the county board of elections.

I must timely serve all Affected Parties.

I must prove by *substantial evidence* either the existence of a defect in the manner by which votes were counted or results tabulated or the occurrence of a violation of election law, irregularity, or misconduct, either of which were sufficient to cast doubt on the apparent results of the election.

It is a crime to interfere unlawfully with the conduct and certification of an election.

It is a crime to interfere unlawfully with the ability of a qualified individual to vote and to have that vote counted in the election.

JG
JG

The facts I allege in connection with this protest are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have a good faith basis to protest the conduct and results of the election.

Submitting fraudulently or falsely completed declarations is a Class I felony under Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. This notice is provided pursuant to S.L. 2013-381, s. 5.4.

Signature of Protestor: _____

Date: 19 NOV 24

(This signature must be signed in the presence of a notary)

State of North Carolina, County of WAKE

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this the 19th day of NOVEMBER, 2024.



Gregory M. Fornshell

Official Signature of Notary

GREGORY M. FORNSHELL, Notary Public
Printed Name

My commission expires: DECEMBER 6, 2027

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Date/Time Filed with County Board _____

(completed by the county board)

NOTE: The county board must provide the State Board with a complete copy of a filed protest within one business day after it is filed. In addition, the county board shall provide a copy of the election audit with this copy of the protest.

Please direct any questions to your county board of elections or the North Carolina State Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement, PO Box 27255, Raleigh, NC 27611-7255.

COUNSEL OF RECORD ADDENDUM

If you answered Yes to Prompt 2 on the above, your attorney must complete this form and you must file it with your Election Protest Application.

Attorney Must complete all of the following:

Protestor Name: Jefferson Griffin

Protestor County: Carteret (candidate challenge)

Attorney Name: Craig D. Schauer

Attorney Email: cschauer@dowlingfirm.com

Attorney Phone: 919-529-3351

☒ I am a member in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar

☐ I am not licensed to practice law in North Carolina but am a member in good standing in _____ (State or District of Columbia), and do hereby apply to appear pro hac vice and certify that I have or will file all appropriate documents required under G.S. 84-4.1.

Law Firm: Dowling PLLC

Bar Number: 41571

I (choose one) ☐ am ☒ am not:

Subject to any order of any court or administrative agency disbaring, suspending, enjoining, restraining, or otherwise restricting me in the practice of law. If you are subject to any orders, explain in the space below.

I represent the Protestor whose name is provided above. I have read and understand the laws governing election protests in North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 163 and Title 8 of the N.C. Administrative Code. I swear/attest that the information I have provided in this Addendum is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Attorney Signature

11/19/2024

Date

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF WAKE)
)
)
AFFIDAVIT OF RYAN BONIFAY)
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I, Ryan Bonifay, being duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

Background and Experience

1. I am over 18 years of age and competent to make an affidavit.
2. I have personal knowledge of the matters described herein.
3. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Lexington, North Carolina.
4. I am employed as Director of Data and Analytics at Coldspark, a political consulting and strategy firm. I have been so employed since January 2023. Previously, I have been employed by the Republican National Committee as Regional Analytics Director and State Analytics Director for North Carolina, as Data Director for Engage Texas, and as Data Director on U.S. Senate, congressional, and gubernatorial campaigns. Altogether I have approximately 10 years of experience as a data analyst for political campaigns and parties, all of them Republican. I have previously worked on North Carolina elections during the 2016 and 2020 election cycles.
5. I was retained by the North Carolina Republican Party to review and compile publicly-available information from the North Carolina State Board of Elections, either on their website or received through public records requests, in connection with the filing of election protests.

6. In my professional work I have become familiar with public sources of data on voter registration and voter turnout in North Carolina, and with the inputs to and limitations of such sources.

Assignment

7. I was asked to submit this affidavit in support of election protests filed with county boards of elections across North Carolina.

8. I was asked by counsel to generate a list of individuals who cast a ballot despite their registration application being denied or despite having been removed from the voter registration rolls, based on publicly available data.

9. In aid of compiling this data, lawyers for the North Carolina Republican Party made numerous requests for information under North Carolina's Public Records law. Once the relevant public agencies produced their responses, I attempted to match the produced records to public voting records to identify voters who may have cast a ballot but were ineligible as of Election Day. The process for doing so is described in more detail below.

10. In attempting to create a list of voters who voted despite having their voter registration application denied, or despite being removed from the registration rolls, I relied on documents produced by the North Carolina State Board of Elections on November 18, 2024 titled "2024-11-7 Audited Data.xls" and "2024-11-12 Audited Data.xlsx". I understand these files to be the product of an internal NCSBE audit into, among other things, individuals who cast a ballot despite having their voter registration denied or being removed from the registration rolls. Both files contain tabs entitled "Removed Voters with Votes" and "Denied Voters with Votes".

11. I combined the information contained in both of the November 18, 2024 files received from the NCSBE and de-duplicated the records (so the same individuals did not appear multiple times in either the removed voters list or the denied-registration list) in order to generate lists of voters whose registration had been denied and voters whose registration had been canceled.

12. I matched voters whose voter registration application was denied, or who were removed from the registration rolls, to the list of voters who cast a ballot in the November 2024 election based on the statewide voter list, filename nc voter_Statewide.zip, and absentee voter list, filename absentee_20241105.zip.

13. I matched the list of individuals whose voter registration was denied or who were removed from the registration rolls to the statewide voter list and absentee voter list based on the voter registration number and NCID number.

14. This process resulted in a list of likely matches in this county, which are attached as **ATTACHMENT 1**.

15. Accordingly, Attachment 1 contains a list of people who (1) attempted to vote in the 2024 General Election before November 5, 2024 (via early vote, absentee by mail, etc.), (2) had their vote accepted by their applicable county board of elections, and (3) had their application for voter registration rejected or their name removed from the voter registration rolls. Attachment 1 contains additional information about each individual which was contained in the information from the NCSBE.

16. Attachments 1 does not include whether the applicable county boards of election challenged each of these voters, as that information has not yet been made available by the NCSBE.

Further, the affiant sayeth not.

This 19 day of November, 2024.


RYAN BONIFAY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by Ryan Bonifay.

Date: 11/19/2024


[Official Signature of Notary]

[Official Seal]



Daniel Milan Krchnavek
Notary Public
[Notary's printed or typed name]

My commission expires: 04-04-2026

Attachment 1

NC Denied Voters with Votes - MECKLENBURG

CountyID	CountyName	VRN	NCID	FullName	RemovedReason	RemovedDate	SDR	VotedDate	VoteStatus	SourceType	ballot_rtn_status
60	MECKLENBURG	1000827748	CW1502631	MOORE, TAYJAH MICHELLE	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	10/29/2024	N	10/29/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000837913	BE400944	FREEMAN, EVANGELINE	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	10/29/2024	N	10/22/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000854371	CW1521791	LAZO-MORALES, LESLY	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	11/1/2024	N	10/22/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000861721	CW1526966	CRUZ OBREGON, IDANIA CAROLINA	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	11/1/2024	N	10/31/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000846452	CW1516291	SANTO, PEYTON JAMES	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	10/24/2024	N	10/17/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000841491	CW1376279	HAMRICK, SARAH KATHERINE	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	10/28/2024	N	10/19/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000866114	CW602039	KING, JUAN ANTOINE	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	11/1/2024	N	10/16/2024	OK	ABS	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000872216	CW1534151	SPARKS, QUASMERE ANYAE	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	11/1/2024	N	10/28/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000839316	BY795411	ROSS, CAMRYN WIKAYLA	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	11/1/2024	N	11/1/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000853924	CW1521468	LATIMORE, JELANI	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	11/1/2024	N	10/24/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000847140	EF259503	DAVIS, JOSIE BRITE	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	11/1/2024	N	10/17/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000862254	CW1527420	HUNTLEY, YASMINE S	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	11/8/2024	N	10/25/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000835308	CW1507834	TICHONOVA, TATIANA	VERIFICATION RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	10/29/2024	N	10/22/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED

NC Removed Voters With Votes - MECKLENBURG

CountyID	CountyName	VRN	NCID	FullName	RemovedReason	RemovedDate	SDR	VotedDate	VoteStatus	SourceType	ballot_rtn_stat
60	MECKLENBURG	1000721847	CW1422722	GIBBS, GEOFFREY III	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/24/2024	N	10/22/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000844281	CW1514673	FULLER, KENNETH DESHAWN	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/22/2024	N	10/21/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	999891680	BY415892	SHERROD, JAY ROGERS III	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/23/2024	N	10/17/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000825815	CW1500774	GOERKE, MICHAEL ANDREW	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/21/2024	N	10/19/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1338994	CW673217	BYRD, WILLENE BLALOCK	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/3/2024	N	10/22/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000890998	CW1542622	ELLIOT-WILDER, KATHI YVONNE	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/24/2024	N	10/21/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000823622	CW1498677	ROBERSON, NOAH LUKE	MOVED FROM COUNTY	11/6/2024	N	10/11/2024	OK	ABS	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1290192	CW626398	NEGRON-RIOS, JOCELYN L	REQUEST FROM VOTER	10/29/2024	N	10/20/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000824062	CW1499116	FORD, KENDALL ANGEL	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/22/2024	N	10/19/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000825594	BY834310	HIMES, JAIDYN SARAIL	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/24/2024	N	10/21/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000563321	CW1312659	MARTIN, MAYA VICTORIA	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/29/2024	N	10/18/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000754972	CW1447041	CHAKAROVA, ANTOANETA EMILOVA	MOVED FROM COUNTY	10/19/2024	N	10/18/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000508363	CW1545160	PAULUMAH, FINLAYSON TAMBA	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/28/2024	N	10/24/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000825601	CW1500562	MARTIN, WALTER HAGLER JR	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/29/2024	N	10/18/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000665912	CW1379002	FISHER, TYLER ELIJAH	MOVED FROM COUNTY	10/30/2024	N	10/21/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000919982	CW852099	OSANSKY, ERIC MARK	REQUEST FROM VOTER	11/6/2024	Y	10/30/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000894689	CW1153832	NARDOCI, PHILLIP BRUCE	REQUEST FROM VOTER	11/8/2024	N	10/26/2024	OK	ABS	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000815897	EH348574	SUMME, MARTIN JOSEPH	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/31/2024	N	10/21/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000262305	CW1093108	KENN, NORMAN JAMES III	DECEASED	10/30/2024	N	10/17/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000478850	CW1249153	ARENA, JULIAN LOUIS	MOVED WITHIN STATE	11/8/2024	N	11/1/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000850577	CW1507315	LU, LANCE	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/23/2024	N	10/17/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	99881409	CW723905	JOHNSON, IVAN HAYNES	MOVED WITHIN STATE	10/30/2024	N	10/18/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000334098	CW919115	HAMPTON, DEONTA MARTAVIS	FELONY CONVICTION	10/23/2024	N	10/19/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000884238	CW1541362	BHATTI, SHABANA	MOVED FROM COUNTY	10/30/2024	N	10/21/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000824946	CW1499999	SCOTT, PRESTON TERRELL LADARIUS	MOVED FROM COUNTY	10/30/2024	N	10/29/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000804370	CW1483959	SIMMONS, DAVID A	MOVED FROM COUNTY	10/28/2024	N	10/23/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000923440	CW1472854	MITCHELL, LIBBY	REQUEST FROM VOTER	11/11/2024	Y	11/1/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000702081	CW1406755	INGRAM, KAILA REGINE	MOVED FROM COUNTY	11/1/2024	N	10/22/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000163997	EH407798	KALINOWSKI, NORBERT JOHN	DECEASED	10/30/2024	N	10/17/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000675817	CW1386537	STEPHENSON, CYNALAH CIARA	MOVED FROM STATE	10/31/2024	N	10/28/2024	OK	ABS	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000918161	CW1563582	PENA, SACHARRI ANGELA	MOVED FROM COUNTY	11/1/2024	Y	10/29/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED
60	MECKLENBURG	1000893111	EJ25945	CAMPBELL, SOMARIO HASSAN	REQUEST FROM VOTER	11/8/2024	N	10/31/2024	OK	EV	ACCEPTED