



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS CERTIFIES ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES ON NOV. BALLOT

(Columbus)—In a reversal of an earlier decision, the Franklin County Board of Elections this afternoon certified petitions for Nancy I. Ferguson, candidate for mayor in the Village of New Albany, to place Ferguson on the ballot in the Nov. 6, 2007 General Election.

Citing an opinion presented by Ferguson's attorney and with the recommendation of the Franklin County Prosecutor's office, the board ruled Ferguson had "substantially complied" with Ohio election law, having properly completed two petitions while failing to sign and list her address on two others. The errors had left Ferguson, the incumbent mayor of New Albany, one valid signature short of the 300 required for certification.

The board declined appeals filed by two other candidates for suburban offices, Steven Donahue for Canal Winchester mayor and Steven Raimo, for Gahanna city council, due to more serious errors. Donahue failed to complete any portion of the circulator statement on his five petitions. Raimo was ineligible to submit a petition for Gahanna council because he'd unsuccessfully sought election to another office in May.

Appeals by petitioners attempting to put liquor options on the ballot in Columbus Wards 7 and 87 also were denied due to invalid signatures and other problems.

The board also voted to certify the following write-in candidates for mayor; Michael Ebert of Canal Winchester, Rebecca Peterson of Harrisburg and Colleen Briscoe, Richard Fisher, Glyde Marsh, Guy Kenneth Patrick, and Sloan Spalding of New Albany. Write-ins Joshua Williams for Columbus City Council and Kathryn Wihl for Franklin Township Fiscal Officer were also certified today.

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