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Board of Elections Completes Certification of Primary Candidates

(Columbus) One candidate will remain on Franklin County's 2015 primary ballot, but another will not after a review of their nominating petitions was completed by the board of elections this afternoon.

The review determined James C. Ragland, candidate for Columbus mayor, submitted at least 1,091 valid signatures or 91 more than the minimum needed for certification under the Columbus City Charter.

Johannes J Christian, a candidate for Columbus Board of Education, was 36 signatures short of being certified submitting 264 of 300 required for the board race. Eight of Christian's petitions containing another 107 signatures were disqualified because the candidate or his circulators had failed to sign them.

The board of elections voted to give each candidate a second chance at certification yesterday after board employees neglected to check their petitions because they believed the candidates had disqualified themselves for mistakes apart from having the number of signatures required.

A complete list of certified candidates and issues is posted online at
<http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/election-info/2015.cfm>

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