



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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DATE: For the May 14, 2024, Commission Meeting

TO: Members, Wisconsin Elections Commission

FROM: Meagan Wolfe, Administrator

SUBJECT: No Labels Wisconsin Ballot Status Petition Withdrawal Request

Background

Wisconsin Statute § 5.62(2)(a) governs how a political party can achieve ballot status in Wisconsin through the petition process. Specifically, statute provides that:

...To qualify for a separate ballot under this paragraph, the political organization shall, not later than 5 p.m. on April 1 in the year of the partisan primary, file with the commission a petition requesting separate ballot status. The petition shall be signed by at least 10,000 electors, including at least 1,000 electors residing in each of at least 3 separate congressional districts...

On March 28, 2024, No Labels Wisconsin filed a petition conforming to the standards set by Wis. Admin. Code EL Chapter 2, and Wis. Stat. § 5.62(2)(a). On April 4, 2024, the national No Labels organization announced that they would not run a candidate for President or Vice President. WEC staff reached out to No Labels Wisconsin to determine if they still wished to have their ballot status petition reviewed. On April 5, 2024, No Labels Wisconsin confirmed that they still wished to have their petition reviewed. Staff completed a review of the petition and found that it contained 22,635 total signatures, including at least 1,000 signatures from at least three different congressional districts.

On May 8, 2024, the chair of No Labels Wisconsin notified the Commission that the organization would be withdrawing its petition for ballot status in the 2024 General Election. Nothing in statute precludes the withdrawal of such a petition prior to the Commission's consideration of it.

Recommended Motions

The Commission considers the ballot status petition for No Labels Wisconsin withdrawn. No Labels Wisconsin will, therefore, not be considered for ballot status and shall not appear on ballots for partisan elections in 2024 and 2025.

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