



May 16, 2023

Todd Zehnder
2008 Lincoln Street South
Northfield, MN 55057

Gary Freking
1900 Lincoln Street South
Northfield, MN 55057

Norm Watt
2108 Lincoln Street South
Northfield, MN 55057

Re: Reverse Referendum Petition

Dear Mr. Zehnder, Mr. Freking and Mr. Watt:

In review of the reverse referendum petition filed with the City Clerk on 5/15/2023, I am notifying you that the petition does not meet the requirements for a ballot petition contained in Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8205. Specifically, the petition as now filed fails to meet the requirements contained in Minnesota Rules, Part 8205.1010, Subp. 2, Clauses A, C, F, G, H and I. The specific deficiencies follow:

1. Clause A - There is no signer's oath.
2. Clause C - There is no title on each page.
3. Clause F - The following oath is missing from each page and is required: "I swear (or affirm) that I know the contents and purpose of this petition and that I signed this petition only once and of my own free will."
4. Clause G - The following required statement is missing from each page: "All information must be filled in by person(s) signing the petition unless disability prevents the person(s) from doing so."
5. Clause H - The petition fails to contain each signatory's year of birth; each signatory's printed middle name; and each signatory's residence county. The failure to include the date and middle name for each signatory directly impedes and interferes with the City Clerk's legal obligation to verify eligible voter signatures.
6. Clause I - The following required statement is missing from each page: "All information on this petition is subject to public inspection."

The deadline for correcting and refiling with the City Clerk a valid ballot petition on this matter meeting the legal requirements contained in the above-referenced rule is May 18, 2023.

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If you would like to retrieve the entire petition in order to make corrections meeting the above rule requirements and refile the entirety of the same, please contact me as soon as possible as the deadline for refiling your ballot petition is May 18, 2023.

Sincerely,



Lynette R. Peterson, City Clerk
City of Northfield