

Virginia:

In the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, John Marshall Courts Building

WILSON, et al.,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.)
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 THE VIRGINIA STATE)
 BOARD OF ELECTIONS, et al.,)
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 Defendants.)
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Case No.: CL 20-4252

ORDER

This matter came before the Court on September 3, 2020, upon Plaintiffs’ Motion for Temporary Injunction and Petition for Writ of Mandamus. The Court has considered the entirety of the record along with the in person testimony, exhibits, and arguments presented at the hearing, and rules as follows.

The Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff’s Motion for Temporary Injunction and **ORDERS** the following relief:

- a. Finds that eleven of the Elector Oaths submitted by Kanye West were obtained by improper, fraudulent and/or misleading means, or are otherwise invalid because of notarial violations and misconduct, and, therefore, do not count toward the statutorily required minimum to qualify the petition. (See Compl. Ex. C-E; F-P.)
- b. Finds that the notice of qualification issued by the Department of Elections to Kanye West on or about August 28, 2020 is contrary to Virginia law, and is therefore, invalid; and
- c. To protect Plaintiffs and voters from further irreparable harm and to require Defendants to fulfill their duty of safeguarding the integrity of Virginia elections, the Court:
 - i. Orders Defendants to strike the fraudulent and invalid Elector Oaths from Kanye West’s petition to qualify for the ballot;

- ii. Enjoins Defendants from qualifying Kanye West's candidacy based on Elector Oaths obtained by fraudulent or improper means or otherwise invalid Elector Oaths; and
- iii. Enjoins the Board and their agents, officers, and employees, and any person who acts in concert therewith, from printing Kanye West's name on ballots for the November 2020 general election. To the extent that ballots in certain localities have already been printed, the Court directs Defendants to take all necessary measures under Va. Code § 24.2-612.1 to provide notice to voters of Kanye West's disqualification.

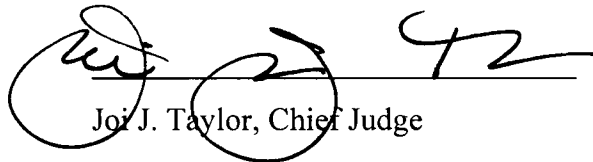
The Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Petition for Writ of Mandamus and **ORDERS** Defendants to, in compliance with their duties under Va. Code Ann. § 24.2-103 and Va. Code Ann. § 24.2-504, not permit Kanye West's name to be printed on ballots for the November 2020 general election.

Pursuant to Rule 1:13 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Court dispenses with the parties' endorsement of this Order.

The Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTER: 9 / 3 / 2020



Joi J. Taylor, Chief Judge