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September 8, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Lilliana Belardo de O'Neal, Chairwoman
St. Croix Board of Elections
P.O. Box 1499, Kinghill
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00851

Re: Candidate Alicia "Chucky" Hansen

Dear Chairwoman Belardo de O'Neal:

This is in response to your letter of September 6, 2016, in which you have requested that the Department of Justice ("DOJ") conduct an investigation into the above-referenced matter. Please be advised that DOJ has commenced an investigation.

Nevertheless, we urge you to be mindful that our investigation will more than likely go beyond the September 16, 2016 deadline referenced in your letter of September 6, 2016, and that DOJ's ongoing investigation cannot legally serve as a basis for the removal of the candidate's name from the ballot.

As a result, the Board of Elections ("BOE") will have to formalize its decision on whether the candidate should be removed from the ballot before the September 16, 2016 deadline.

If the sole basis of the candidate's removal from the ballot is the Democratic Party's affidavit of challenge, then that affidavit fails to give BOE sufficient grounds to remove the candidate's name from the ballot.

However, BOE may address the candidate's name on the ballot, based upon BOE's own evaluation and investigation of the candidate's registration, credentials and other documentation presented, provided that BOE does the following:

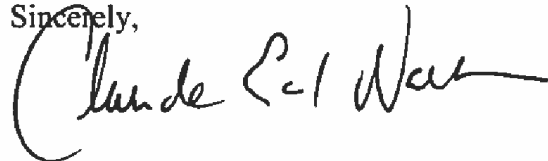
1. Determine the candidate's qualifications;
2. Notify the candidate, in writing, of BOE's determination and outlining the reasons for any decision; and
3. Give the candidate an opportunity to be heard.

See 18 V.I.C. §§ 101-103.

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Your immediate attention to this matter is advised, therefore, we suggest that BOE convene a meeting promptly to resolve these issues before September 16, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claude Earl Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Claude Earl Walker, Esq.
Attorney General

cc: St. Croix District Board of Elections
Caroline F. Fawkes, Supervisor of Elections