Christian Sampson Town Clerk of the Town of Ramapo 237 Route 59 Suffern, New York 10901

September 4, 2015

Re: Request that Town Clerk not validate/certify the results of the Special Election of the Town of Ramapo held September 30, 2014

Dear Mr. Sampson,

I am writing to determine if you, or any person or board, has certified the results of the Town of Ramapo Special Election held on September 30, 2014.

Based on a copy of the results released at the canvassing location on August 27, 2015 my understanding is that the following are the results of the election that the town is expected to certify:

	BALLOTS	PROPOSITION 1 -			PROPOSITION 2 -		
	CAST TOTAL*	4 to 6			Ward System		
		Councilmen					
		YES	NO	Total	YES	NO	Total
Machine	27,563	13,858	13,581	27,439	13,891	13,526	27,417
Absentee	581	366	209	575	377	201	578
Affidavit	2,299	420	1,858	2,278	419	1,854	2,273
Totals	30,443	14,644	15,648		14,687	15,581	
Percentages							
Machine	90.5%	50.5%	49.5%		50.7%	49.3%	
Absentee	1.9%	63.7%	36.3%		65.2%	34.8%	
Affidavit	7.6%	18.4%	81.6%		18.4%	81.6%	

^{*} Total Ballots cast includes blank votes.

If so, I am writing to request that this document, and any other documents related to the reporting and acceptance of this decision, be delivered to me immediately under my FOIL requests at the beginning of the week (scanned and emailed).

If the results have not yet been certified, I am requesting that you, in your capacity as Town Clerk in charge of the Special Election, refuse to certify the Special Election results due to the numerous problems that occurred before, during and after the election. Stated simply, there are too many failings to certify this election without disenfranchising large groups of qualified electors of either or both sides; to come to this conclusion at this time provides the Town Board the opportunity to

take advantage of the upcoming biennial election to allow the referendum question to be presented again for a revote under the auspices of the Board of Election; this would save the Town the expenses of litigation and of holding a new special election while at the same time restoring the faith of the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Ramapo in their local town government and officials. No matter the outcome, it is important to move past this issue and to focus on repairing the ongoing divisiveness within the Town

The Special Election should be vacated and new election held for reasons of which you are certainly aware and I hope that you will have the courage to do so.

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