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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
13.		Other	Zoe Muntaner	Since Item 13 of today's agenda includes a motion from Supervisor Mitchell for "Proclamation of the week of September 9 through 13, 2024, as "Disability Voting Rights Week" in Los Angeles County; and instruct the Director of Aging and Disabilities to partner with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on outreach efforts to bring awareness to voting accessibility including, but not limited to, Text Typer TDD for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Audio Sample Ballot CD's, and New Accessible Voting Experience Vote Centers, The Voting Solutions For All People model, and Voter Accessibility Resources." it would be prudent to include invisible disabilities. An invisible disability is a physical, mental or neurological condition that is not visible from the outside, yet can limit or challenge a person's movements, senses, or activities. Unfortunately, the very fact that these symptoms are invisible can lead to misunderstandings, false perceptions, and judgments. I trained as a Poll worker years ago, and lerned the term from the LA County RR/CC training. However they are not included in this motion and not included in accommodations for candidates seeking office when they visit their respective City Clerks to pull nomination papers and return them for qualification. This also exposes LA County to significant litigation by way of exclusion of a disability category.
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>1</b>	
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**LA County RR/CC- Agenda Item 122- BOS Meeting 9/10/2024-URGENT**

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Zoe &lt;zmuntaner@gmail.com&gt;

Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 10:35 AM

To: mgaudette@bos.lacounty.gov

Cc: emontemayor@bos.lacounty.gov

Mike,

The office of Supervisor Horwath, BOS Executive Office and Board Operations told me to reach out to you regarding item not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Board, or **matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.**

I am a resident of Santa Monica running for Santa Monica College Board of Trustees on November 5, 2024 election. On August 14 I filed my nomination papers with the Santa Monica City Clerk. They were verified by the Santa Monica City Clerk on August 9th (pink post note with the items that needed attention), and the Assistant City Clerk on August 12th and 13th. Both times I was told they looked good and ready to submit after they examined the signatures and the Declaration of Circulator and affidavit of Nominee and Oath of Affirmation of Allegiance. In California, political campaign laws are governed by a variety of statutes, including the California Political Reform Act. When it comes to the application of the **Doctrine of Detrimental Reliance** within the context of political campaigns, this principle may be invoked in situations where a person or entity has relied on a promise or representation made during a campaign, and that reliance has led to a detrimental outcome.

On Friday August 16, 2024 I received notice from the Santa Monica City Clerk that the LA County RR/CC revised my signatures and determined that I didn't qualify. Since the requirement was 100 signatures and I submitted 153 signatures, I thought that my nomination was not processed correctly. I asked the City Clerk for a letter from the LA County RR/CC certifying the official count of my signatures and an appointment to examine my Nomination paper. It was then that the SM City Clerk informed me that one of my nomination papers was excluded from accounting because it didn't contain the dates when petition signatures were obtained (Item 3) of the Declaration of Circulator. That was significant negligence from two employees of the City of Santa Monica City Clerk.

I contacted Dean C. Logan to let him know that we were challenging the decision of Santa Monica City Clerk since she told me that she was the one who made the decision to disqualify me. However when I filed the Petition for a Writ of Mandate the Judge told me that I need to include the LA County RR/CC. Since LA County was the entity that decided not to account for the second set of petition signatures. The substantial-compliance rule, also known as the **substantial-performance doctrine**, is a legal principle that states that if a party makes a good-faith attempt to perform an agreement or meet statutory requirements, but falls short in some way, the performance may still be considered complete if the essential purpose. This is where the LA County RR/CC dropped the ball. In addition to Dean C. Logan I contacted the head of the LA County RR/CC Signature Verification Section, Tiffany Olsen by email.

The campaign paid for an independent signature verification audit and found several mistakes ( attachment SMC ZM SigVerify). I asked for the signatures to be re-verified. No one replied. The Santa Monica College Board of Trustee election was cancelled because there were three seats and three candidates. I was the only challenger, hence it didn't go to ballot print (thee Santa Monica City Clerk requested a cancellation). In other elections I have seen inserts included in the ballot that were included perhaps as a result of a challenge. It seems to me that if the ballots have not been printed we can avoid that. However we need to act expeditiously. I already informed the Santa Monica City Council at their last meeting two weeks ago.

Because the upcoming election is less than two months away, I need the BOS to be aware of this issue, intervene in

order to avoid unnecessary exposure to litigation. The election department should be better trained to avoid this type of situation. It is imperative to use Agenda Item 122 to discuss this issue.

In addition to this, I noticed that the Santa Monica City Clerk does not include in the candidate guide any warning about how the LA County RR/CC revises and codifies signatures for validation. A Deputy had to call the LA County RR/CC to learn about the codes for the examination of the signatures evaluation. There is also no accommodations for candidates with visible or invisible disabilities, which is an important element in the fairness of elections. Since Item 13 of today's agenda includes a motion from Supervisor Mitchell for "Proclamation of the week of September 9 through 13, 2024, as "Disability Voting Rights Week" in Los Angeles County; and instruct the Director of Aging and Disabilities to partner with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on outreach efforts to bring awareness to voting accessibility including, but not limited to, Text Typer TDD for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Audio Sample Ballot CD's, and New Accessible Voting Experience Vote Centers, The Voting Solutions For All People model, and Voter Accessibility Resources." I trained as a Poll worker years ago learning about invisible disabilities, which are not included in this motion and not included in accommodations for candidates seeking office. This also exposes LA County to significant litigation by way of exclusion of a disability category.

Please review attachments and get back to me as soon as you can. This is about Equity. I found numerous inconsistencies in the nomination papers of other candidates when I decided to examine their nomination papers. Some lied under penalty of perjury, and asked the LA County RR/CC for an investigation. The President of Emerge California, shared that three of their alumni were facing challenges with their nomination papers as well. I am not the only woman of color facing this issue. We want to live in a world that allows us to succeed and recognizes the humanity of every one of us. This desire and need fuels our mission to build reflective leadership by **training women, especially women representing the New American Majority**. Currently in California, one of the most solidly Democratic states in the country, women still make up less than 42% of the state legislature. The percentage of New American Majority women who hold elected office is even smaller. When critical decisions – from public health mandates to allocating city budgets to environmental policy – are made by elected leaders who don't reflect the diversity of our state, the outcomes of those decisions are often not equitable either. It will be ironic that the first all female BOS in LA County ignores this.

Kindly reply; thank you.

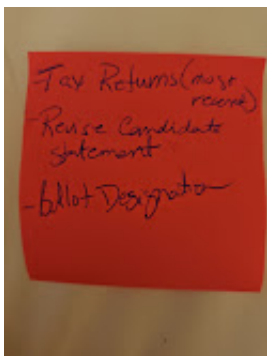
**Zoë Muntaner**

*"Do you have the patience to wait till your mud settles and the water is clear?"- Tao Te Ching*

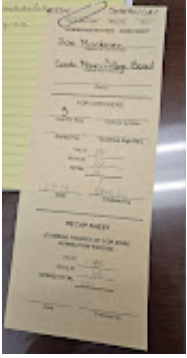
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 **Election Filing Fee Payment Information for Santa Monica, CA.pdf**  
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 **ABBREVIATED CODES of Petition Signatures. .pdf**  
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 **Questions for Nikima Appointment to Inspect Nomination Petitions.pdf**  
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*It is vitally important that Santa Monica College remains a student-centered institution. I am running for SMC Board of Trustees, to ensure policy decisions represent the best interests of students and the taxpayers that fund it.*

*My priorities are to establish an Ethics Commission for greater staff and Trustee operations oversight, increase protections and resources for neurodiverse, disabled, and homeless students, establish Trustee service term limits, and provide greater oversight of the SMC Student Judicial Affairs. To avoid costly litigation, I will lead the effort for SMC to convert from at-large Trustee elections to district elections and better reflect the diversity of Santa Monica. SMC needs proactive leadership, who is responsive to the student community, and fights for educational and pay equity among students, teachers, and staff.*

*As an SMC student, community advocate, founder of Compassionate Santa Monica, member of the SMC General Advisory Board, former bilingual educator, and 22-year resident of Santa Monica, my experience informs my True North. I am committed to ensuring SMC remains affordable and accessible to all students of every learning ability and background.*

*I am proud to be endorsed by local leaders from our community and neighboring cities. I am asking and would be honored to have your vote.*

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**Santa Monica City Clerk Error-SMC Board of Trustees Candidate**

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Dean Logan <DLogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov>  
To: Zoe <zmuntaner@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 23, 2024 at 2:37 PM

Good afternoon.

Thank you for contacting me and sharing information about this matter. We have noted the possibility of a challenge regarding candidate eligibility.

While City Clerks/election officials do utilize the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to conduct signature verification on petitions, it is their offices that make the determination of candidate eligibility. When elections are consolidated, my office is responsible for the administration of the election, but we have no authority or oversight over candidate eligibility and qualifications for candidates to offices where a City serves as the designated election official.

The Elections Code sections referenced in your correspondence are clear on the petition requirements and absent a different determination by the City Clerk, the only avenue for review or reconsideration would be through a writ filed with the Superior Court. As you note, action of that nature is time sensitive given the approaching printing deadlines for election materials.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more assistance on this matter.

Best regards,

– Dean

**DEAN C. LOGAN**

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Los Angeles County (he/him)



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**From:** Zoe <zmuntaner@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2024 11:14 AM

**To:** Dean Logan <DLogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Santa Monica City Clerk Error-SMC Board of Trustees Candidate

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**Santa Monica City Clerk Error-SMC Board of Trustees Candidate**

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**Zoe** <zmuntaner@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 3:50 PM

To: Dean Logan &lt;DLogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov&gt;

Dean,

When I received training from the LA County RR/CC to be an election poll worker years ago, I learned about invisible disabilities for the first time. We were trained to prevent and manage issues with voters who present well outwardly but might be suffering from an invisible condition inwardly.

The American Disabilities Act offers accommodations in schools and other public institutions like the LA Courts. I would like to know if the Election Officials of every city are trained to give accommodations for candidates with disabilities. Is your office in charge of this training?

**References:**<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/jcc-form/MC-410><https://www.lacourt.org/ada/adahome.aspx><https://www.courts.ca.gov/14362.htm><https://www.lacourt.org/ada/pdf/DisabilityAccommodations.pdf>

Kindly reply; thank you.

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