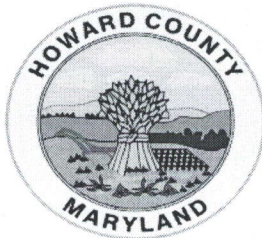


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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

March 19, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Citizens for a Strong and Safe Howard County
c/o Lisa Kim, Chair
PO Box 117
West Friendship, MD 21794

Dear Ms. Kim:

The Howard County Board of Elections has verified all signatures on your petition submissions from February 5, 2021 and March 8, 2021, in relation to Howard County Council Bill 63-2020. The verification process at the Howard County Board of Elections confirmed the following:

Number of Signatures Processed: 11,072
Number of Valid Signatures: 9,173
Number of Invalid Signatures: 1,899

It has been determined that the number of valid signatures to exceed the threshold for signatures (signed by five per centum of the qualified voters of the County calculated upon the whole number of votes cast in the County for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election, or 7,170 valid signatures), as set forth in the *Howard County Charter, Section 211-The Referendum*, has been met. The Howard County Board of Elections will inform the Howard County Council and the Howard County Office of Law of the final disposition of the petition, which will trigger Howard County Council Bill 63-2020 to be placed on the ballot for referendum in the 2022 Gubernatorial General Election.

Sincerely,

Guy C. Mickley, CERA
Election Director

Cc: Howard County Board of Elections
Howard County Council
Howard County Office of Law