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Re: 2021 Initiative Petition to Create a Community Energy Aggregation Program

Dear Committee of Petitioners:

On July 15, 2021, your Committee of Petitioners submitted an Initiative Petition to initiate “An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Township of Teaneck, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, by Adding Chapter 11B, Authorizing the establishment of a Community Energy Aggregation Program that Creates an Option for 100% Regionally Sourced Renewables” (hereinafter referred to as the “Petition”). The Petition was accompanied by supporting documents including both electronic and handwritten signatures.

After conducting a thorough and complete review of the Petition, on August 4, 2021, I wrote to the Committee and advised that as a result of my examination of the Petition signatures pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-187, I had determined that the Petition was insufficient. Specifically, the Petition was insufficient as the total number of valid signatures totaled 187, which total was below the 791 signatures required for the Petition. I also advised the Committee that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-188, it could amend the Petition at any time within ten days from this Notice of Insufficiency.

Thereafter, on Thursday, August 5, 2021, the Committee filed an Amended Petition with an additional 276 signatures. I note that even had all 276 signatures been deemed valid, the Petition would still remain insufficient as the total number of valid signatures would only be 463. After conducting a thorough and complete review of the Amended Petition, I have determined that there were an additional 188 valid signatures. Thus, between the Petition and the Amended Petition there were a total of 375 valid signatures, which number is below the 791 signatures required to initiate an ordinance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184. I have filed a final Certificate of Insufficiency in my office.

Respectfully,
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