### IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: Nomination Petitions : of Christine Yerin Baik as a :

Candidate for the Republican

State Committee : No. 201 M.D. 2022

Objection of: David J. Shaw:

# ORDER

AND NOW, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, upon consideration of the Petition to Set Aside the Nomination Petition of Candidate Christine Yerin Baik as a candidate for the Republican State Committee and the evidence presented in open court, the Petition to Set Aside is hereby GRANTED.

The parties stipulated to the striking of ten (10) signatures. Additionally, the following signatures were stricken as follows. Two (2) signatures at page 1, lines 17 and 19, were stricken because the signer was not registered at the address listed. Sections 907 and 908 of the Election Code, Act of June 3, 1937, P.L. 1333, 25 P.S. §§ 2867, 2868. Three (3) signatures at page 2, line 17; page 3, line 25; and page 4, line 12, were stricken because after examination I found that they were written in the same hand as that of the lines immediately preceding. Section 908 of the Code, 25 P.S. § 2868; *In re Morrison-Wesley*, 946 A.2d 789 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2008) (each item must be personally written by the elector), *aff'd*, 353 A.2d 78 (Pa. 2008). One (1) signature at page 3, line 14 was stricken because line information (city, boro, or township) was omitted. *Id.* (signatures without complete addresses are invalid pursuant to Section 908 of the Election Code). The 16 stricken signatures leave candidate with fewer than the 100 signatures required for the office sought.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth is DIRECTED to remove the name of Christine Yerin Baik from the May 17, 2022 General Primary Election Ballot as a candidate for the Republican State Committee.

It is ORDERED that each party shall bear her/his own costs.

Bonnie Brigance Leadbetter,

President Judge Emerita

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF THE RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE ARISING UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE

No. 571 Judicial Administration Docket

#### **ORDER**

#### **PER CURIAM**

AND NOW, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, in order to expedite the appellate process regarding appeals from challenges to nomination petitions for **any and all** candidates running for office in the May 17, 2022 General Primary Election, Pa.R.A.P. 903(c)(1)(ii), providing for a ten-day appeal period from an order in any matter arising under the Pennsylvania Election Code, is **TEMPORARILY MODIFIED** to provide for a five-day appeal period.

Additionally, Pa.R.A.P. 107 is **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED** to the extent it specifies that weekends and holidays are to be excluded from calculating the five-day appeal period.

In appeals arising under the Election Code that fall within this order, appellants shall file briefs within twenty-four hours after filing their notice of appeal and jurisdictional statement. Appellees' briefs are due within twenty-four hours of the filing of appellants' briefs. Further, Pa.R.A.P. 2113 (regarding reply briefs) is **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED** in these matters; no reply briefs will be permitted.

Notices of appeal, jurisdictional statements, and briefs shall be filed electronically when counsel or the litigants have a PACFile account. Otherwise, counsel or the litigants shall contact the relevant filing office during normal business hours to make alternative arrangements to ensure that the filing office actually receives the submissions by the applicable deadline.

Pa.R.A.P. 1931(a) and (c) (regarding the deadline for transmittal of the record

when complete) are TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED in these matters, and the record shall

be transferred as soon as practicable. The lower court may transmit partially completed

records in the interest of facilitating prompt resolution of any appeal in these matters.

Applications for reconsideration or reargument will not be entertained by this Court

on election matters falling under this order.

Any court deciding a matter that arises under the Pennsylvania Election Code in

relation to the May 17, 2022 General Primary Election shall append a copy of this order

to its decision.

A True Copy Nicole Traini As Of 04/05/2022

Attest: Musu Jaini
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania