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New York Citizens Audit Public Reveal of Voter Roll Report in Face of Putnam County Board of Election Inaction

After months of waiting for a meeting with the Putnam County Board of Elections to discuss and fix thousands of apparent voter roll anomalies, New York Citizens Audit (NYCA) will make the Putnam County voter roll inaccuracies public on Wednesday, September 27 at 7pm. NYCA is a non-profit, non-partisan entity run by over 2,000 volunteers from across New York state.

NYCA is very alarmed about its findings and has determined every voter in Putnam County should get answers to what appears to be a voter roll mess. NYCA raises the facts and provides an opportunity to have them explained and fixed by County election officials. “Unfortunately, we have not had an appropriate response from the Commissioners, so we have to take this situation to the public. There is nothing more important than a sound election system. We would expect the Commissioners to appreciate the opportunity to answer questions and fix any problems. The lack of cooperation in this process is as disconcerting as the extreme number of apparent voter anomalies,” stated NYCA Director Steve Gillan.

The data to be shown to the public, containing the thousands of registrations in Putnam County reflecting very concerning and unexplained anomalies, will be presented in an open educational forum to the public, press and interested officials on Wednesday September 27, 7pm, in the Patriot Room at the Putnam Golf Club, 187 Hill Street in Mahopac. Light snacks and coffee will be provided.

NYCA Director Kim Hermance commented, “NYCA is not going to wait on Putnam BOE’s dilatory responses to the voter roll anomalies. They have not shown adequate interest in cleaning up questions about the voter rolls and have inaccurately claimed NYCA has not shown them the data, which is false. This excuse was lately used to cancel a scheduled

meeting to present the data. This excuse is not only false, it's ridiculous. Our presentation IS designed to show our data. The data also has in fact already been presented to officials.” NYCA has decided to disclose its findings to the public rather than deal with BOE’s continued delays and excuses.

”It is strange BOE cancelled our meeting at the last minute,” stated Hermance, “when just 20 days earlier NYCA did provide over 5 million apparent registration violations, and nearly 750,000 seeming illegal votes from New York’s 2022 general election, to the SBOE for a line-by-line reconciliation.”

NYCA instead has decided to let the public decide for itself in the face of not having received an adequate response to its findings in the face of BOE failure to take steps to announce any effort to identify the anomalies, investigate and reconcile the voter rolls. “Frankly, we spent countless hours preparing this file. If the BOE doesn’t want to see the meticulous work of devoted citizens that BOE should have been doing, perhaps the public would like to see what we have found, so some answers can be forthcoming,” stated Executive Director Marly Hornik. Hornik is concerned that maintaining inaccurate voter rolls is a serious form of voter suppression since everyone’s vote must be counted equally and fully. Inaccurate rolls mean the entire voting process becomes suspect.

The official voter roll data was collected by NYCA from local and state government sources. NYCA’s research reflects thousands of registrants in Putnam Co whose registrations reflected apparent anomalies which must be reviewed. The open educational forum where the amount and nature of the anomalies will be presented includes an invitation to the Putnam County Commissioners. “Frankly, these government officials should show up, and we hope they do,” stated Gillan.

New York Citizens Audit is a non-profit, non-partisan corporation run by over 2,000 volunteers from across New York. Donations to the organization are tax-deductible and graciously appreciated.

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