

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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**No. 102 MM 2022**

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David Ball, James D. Bee, Jesse D. Daniel, Gwendolyn Mae DeLuca, Ross M. Farber, Lynn Marie Kalcevic, Vallerie Siciliano-Biancaniello, S. Michael Streib, Republican National Committee, National Republican Congressional Committee, and Republican Party of Pennsylvania

Petitioners,

v.

Leigh M. Chapman, in her official capacity as Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, and All 67 County Boards of Elections  
(See back of cover for list of County Respondents),

Respondents.

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**RESPONDENT CHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
RESPONSE TO THE APPLICATION FOR THE EXERCISE OF KING'S  
BENCH POWER OR EXTRAORDINARY JURISDICTION**

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Respondents

Respondent Chester County Board of Elections (“Chester County”) is devoted to conducting free and equal elections and ensuring that Chester County citizens’ ballots are collected and canvassed consistent with Pennsylvania law, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States Constitution. In that respect, Chester County’s decision to count undated ballots was influenced by the Commonwealth Court’s analysis of this Court’s plurality opinion *In re Canvass of Absentee and Mail-In Ballots of November 3, 2020 General Election*, 241 A.3d 1058 (2020). See *Chapman v. Berks Cnty. Bd. of Elections*, 2022 WL 4100998, at \*22–24 (Pa. Commw. Ct. Aug. 19, 2022).

On October 17, 2022, at 2:10 PM, counsel for Respondent Chester County received an email from Petitioners’ counsel attaching their Application for the Exercise of King’s Bench Power or Extraordinary Jurisdiction (“Application”) and a document from the Office of the Prothonotary (“Prothonotary”) acknowledging receipt of the Application and an instruction that “Any responses are required to be filed by **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.**” (emphasis in original). It was unclear to Chester County whether the Prothonotary’s instruction was merely directed to the jurisdictional issue—i.e., whether this Court should exercise its King’s Bench Power—or whether Chester County should address the jurisdictional

issue and the specific relief requested in the Application. For this reason, and due to the short time constraints, Chester County joins Respondent Leigh M. Chapman's (the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth) forthcoming, well-reasoned response to the Application as to the issues and argument that relate to Chester County.

Dated: October 19, 2022

Respectfully,

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