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Subject: Letter from Justice in Action

To:

All, or most of you, have received the attached unsigned letter from Justice in Action, a group with which Nick and Robin Wilt are associated.

For those that didn't attend the April 15 BDC meeting, you should know that the comments regarding the results of petitioning and the subsequent primaries that will occur was by no means a "one sided self-serving account of the 2024 petitioning campaign." Several members who carried official petitions and those who carried alternate ones spoke as did I.

These alternate petitions removed 48 of our current members' names from the original petitions. This "counterpetitioning campaign" ultimately resulted in primaries being scheduled in 16 of our EDs affecting 36 of our current members including ~~our Town Supervisor~~ and 2 Councilmembers.

BDC members are well aware of the reduction in EDs because I spoke at length at 2 or 3 meetings and sent emails to all members on the topic and the ramifications it would have.

As Leader, it was my responsibility, not "prerogative" to submit the final ED assignments for the preparation of petition sheets to MCDC. The consolidation of EDs by the Board of Elections caused a reduction in the number of openings for committee members. This was addressed first through resignations recently received, and then a letter sent by the Executive Committee to those members who hadn't attended any meetings nor participated in any committee sponsored activities since January, 2022. This resulted in additional resignations and the removal of those who didn't respond to the letter within the designated time frame.

Because 16 EDs were combined into 8, that left 32 members to be reassigned and adjusting assignments for many of the remaining members. Not an easy task and I spent many days attempting to make assignments as fair as possible. The result wasn't perfect and in the end there were 3 additional members that, due to lack of activity, I removed from our roster. In my desire to send all the information to MCDC in a timely manner, I neglected to inform these 3 members of their removal and I take responsibility for that lack of attention to detail.

There were some new members included on the petitions because in their short time as members, they attended more meetings and were more active than some existing members had been in the last two years. Their outside comments had no bearing on their inclusion/exclusion from the membership roster.

I cannot comment on the actions of Sanjay Hiranandani and Nate Salzman regarding their petitioning efforts since I was unaware of their petitions until I reviewed BOE reports indicating a third set of petitions had been filed.

As to the objection filed for ED26, it should be noted that Nick and Robin Wilt were not part of that ED until **six days after the objection was filed and they were never named in the filing**. They declined their positions in their original district (ED 8) after additional petitions were submitted for that district to the BOE. They then filed in ED26 in West Brighton where the objection had already been filed.

I realize this is a lengthy email, but I want to be sure you have accurate information. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Barbara