

# THE OHIO BALLOT BOARD

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Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Chair  
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April 23, 2020

The Honorable Dave Yost  
Ohio Attorney General  
30 East Broad Street - 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Ballot Board approval of the proposed constitutional amendment, entitled “Secure and Fair Elections Amendment (Resubmitted),” as a single amendment.

Dear Attorney General Yost:

Acting pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3519.01(A), on February 20, 2020, you transmitted to Secretary LaRose, in his capacity as chairman of the Ohio Ballot Board, a proposed constitutional amendment entitled the “Secure and Fair Elections Amendment,” which was submitted to the Attorney General’s Office on February 10, 2020. The Ohio Ballot Board initially determined that the proposed initiative petition contained more than one proposed constitutional amendment. However, on April 14, 2020, the Supreme Court of Ohio granted a writ of mandamus directing the Ballot Board to convene and certify the initiative petition as a single amendment.<sup>1</sup>

As Secretary of the Ohio Ballot Board, I hereby certify that a quorum of the board met in public session on April 23, 2020, for the purpose of re-examining and certifying the petition in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3505.062(A). I hereby further certify that the Ohio Ballot Board determined that the proposed initiative petition contains a single proposed constitutional amendment.

Sincerely,



Jeff Hobday  
Secretary, Ohio Ballot Board  
22 North Fourth Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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<sup>1</sup> See *State ex rel. Ohioans for Secure & Fair Elections v. LaRose*, Slip Opinion No. 2020-Ohio-1459.