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Staten Island Democratic Party
705 Forest Avenue, 2F1
Staten Island, New York 10310

February 10, 2025

City Clerk and Clerk of the City Council of New York City
141 Worth Street
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New York, New York 10013

To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed please find a Certificate of Recommendation for the appointment of Hattie Ragone, to fill the vacancy as Richmond County Democratic Commissioner of Elections.

Ms. Ragone is an extremely qualified candidate for the position of Commissioner of Elections. She has been an attorney for over twenty-five years and is currently in private practice in Richmond County specializing in real estate, estate planning and general litigation. She is an active and well respected volunteer both in politics and in the community and has experience with the petition process. The Democratic Committee of Richmond County Committee voted overwhelmingly for her to fill this role.

As you are aware, Commissioner Michele Sileo's term expired on December 31st which prompted this recommendation.

This appointment is very important to me on both a personal and professional level. I want to thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this regard.

Sincerely Yours,

Laura Sword
County Chair

STATE OF NEW YORK
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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2025 FEB 11 ELECTION COMMISSIONER CERTIFICATE

(New York City only)

To the Clerk of the City Council of the City of New York

I certify that:

At a meeting of the Democratic County Committee of the County of Richmond, held on the 6th day of February, 2025, at Staten Island, New York, under the provisions of the Election Law and rules of the County Committee, a quorum being present, Hattie Ragone, residing at 710 Oakland Ave Staten Island, NY 10310, was recommended by majority said committee as a suitable and qualified person for appointment to the office of Commissioner of Elections

☒ For the term beginning January 1, 2025

☐ To fill an existing vacancy in said office for the remainders of the current term.

And that said designee is a registered voter of the County of Richmond and a duly enrolled member of the Democratic Party.

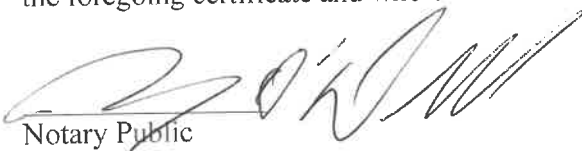
Dated at Staten Island, New York
February 10 2025



Laura Sword, Chair

State of New York)
) ss.:
County of Richmond)

On this 10 day of February in the year 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Laura Sword, known to me to be the Chair described in the foregoing certificate and who executed the foregoing certificate.


Notary Public

ROSEMARY O'DONNELL
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
NO. 020D6281812
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