

**SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY**  
**RULES FOR ELECTION MATTERS PART · 2021**

Orders to Show Cause to validate or invalidate designating or nominating petitions, required to be commenced on, or before, April 8, 2021, shall be returnable before the Hon. John W. Carter, or a Justice of the Supreme Court, on **Monday, April 12, 2021, at 2:00 P.M., virtually, on the Microsoft Teams Platform**, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York - Room 607.

Before the return date, April 12, 2021, all Counsel, and parties appearing *pro se*, shall advise the Clerk of the Part of their addresses, telephone numbers, and email address. Proof of Service of the Orders to Show Cause, as well as any interposed Counterclaims or Answers, shall be e-filed with NYSCEF, and/or emailed to [bxsup-electionmatters@nycourts.gov](mailto:bxsup-electionmatters@nycourts.gov), on, or before, April 12, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. The failure to comply with the foregoing filing requirement may result in preclusion.

In any matter alleging a question of residency of a candidate, a written offer of proof shall be e-filed with NYSCEF and/or emailed to [bxsup-electionmatters@nycourts.gov](mailto:bxsup-electionmatters@nycourts.gov), on the return date before 1:00 P.M. This offer of proof shall specify: the address where the petitioner believes the candidate actually resides and the reasons therefor, or the reasons why the petitioner believes that the candidate does not reside at the address stated in the designating/nominating petition; and the name of any witness which the party intends to call to testify regarding this issue.

Specifications of Objections, or Bills of Particulars, not previously served and/or filed with the Board of Elections, shall be served upon the opposing party; and e-filed with NYSCEF and/or emailed to [bxsup-electionmatters@nycourts.gov](mailto:bxsup-electionmatters@nycourts.gov) on, or before, April 12, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. The failure to serve and file the same may be deemed a waiver and further proof precluded.

Any petition signature sought to be challenged or reinstated, whether contained in the Specifications of Objections or Bill of Particulars, shall contain the voter registration number.

A written offer of proof in all matters alleging a question of fraud, including a statement as to the number of witnesses expected to be called and the status of such witnesses (e.g., signatory, subscribing witness, notary public, expert, or other), shall be e-filed with NYSCEF and/or emailed to [bxsup-electionmatters@nycourts.gov](mailto:bxsup-electionmatters@nycourts.gov), on, or before, April 12, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. This written offer of proof shall include: the name of each witness expected to be called; the status of such witness (e.g., signatory, subscribing witness, notary public, expert, or other); and, whether the name of such witness appears in the petition, and if so, specifying the volume, page, and, where appropriate, the line where the name appears. The failure to file and serve such offer of proof may be deemed a waiver and further proof may be precluded.

Orders to Show Cause to validate a designating or nominating petition, commenced within three (3) business days after the Board of Elections Hearing where the designating petition/candidacy was invalidated, shall be returnable on April 22, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., **virtually**, on the **Microsoft Teams Platform**, 851 Grand Concourse – Room 607, or at some other date or as the Court directs, which may depend on the date when the Board of Elections made its determination.

These rules are subject to change, depending upon developments in the Covid-19 public health emergency in New York State.