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Emily A. Ethington, Election Commissioner
March 24, 2023

Susan Kluthe
City of Bellevue
1500 Wall St
Bellevue, NE 68005

Dear Ms. Kluthe,

Enclosed please find the Petition Summary Report and Rejected Signatures Report for the City Initiative and Referendum Petition to create an ordinance which would outlaw abortion and declare the City of Bellevue a sanctuary for the unborn.

Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute § 18-2525, the petition is required to bear the signatures equal in number to at least twenty percent of the qualified electors of the City. Nebraska Revised Statute § 18-2510 defines qualified electors as all persons registered to vote, at the time the prospective petition is filed, in the jurisdiction governed or to be governed by any measure sought to be enacted by initiative.

There were 39,058 voters in the City of Bellevue when the petition was filed with the Bellevue City Clerk, which requires the initiative petition to bear signatures equal in number to at least 7,812 qualified electors in order to request that a special election be called to submit the initiative measure to a vote of the people. I have determined that there were a total of 7,372 signatures on the 533 signature sheets that were submitted to the Sarpy County Election Commission, of which there were 4,600 signatures of qualified electors and 2,772 signatures of unqualified persons. Based on the above findings, it is determined that the City Initiative and Referendum Petition is not signed by the requisite number of qualified electors as required by Nebraska Revised Statute § 18-2525.

I do hereby certify that the enclosed reports are true and complete results of the City Initiative and Referendum Petition filed with the City of Bellevue on February 27, 2023 and received by the Sarpy County Election Commission on March 10, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-593-2167 or eethington@sarpy.gov.

Sincerely,

Emily A. Ethington
Sarpy County Election Commissioner
Enclosures