



★ VIRGINIA ★
DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

Official ELECT Advisory

DATE: September 6, 2024

SUBJECT: **[URGENT!]** Newly-Qualified Presidential Candidate Must Be Added to November 2024 Ballots

WHY THIS IS NEEDED: It has been determined that Cornel West has qualified for ballot access for the 2024 November General Election presidential race.

HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU: All ballots must be revised to include Cornel West, and new ballot proofs must be submitted to ELECT for approval.

NOTE: For those who have already submitted and have had proofs accepted, you will have to submit again to include these changes.

ACTION ITEMS: 1. Work with your vendor to revise all ballots to add a second Independent Presidential candidate to all ballots:

Independent

Electors For:

Cornel R. West, President and

Melina Abdullah, Vice President

- a. **Cornel West must appear below Claudia De la Cruz and above Write-in.**
- b. Melina Abdullah does not have a middle name nor initial.
2. Review revised proofs thoroughly to ensure all ballots are complete and accurate.
 - a. Use the [SBE Ballot Standards](#) (rev. 8.2022) to thoroughly check your ballots prior to resubmission.
 - b. Pay careful attention to acceptable Ballot Design and Layout options outlined in [SBE Ballot Standards](#) (pages 7-12).
 - c. Refer to the September 3, 2024 Advisory: *Ballot Proofing Timeline and Instructions for the 2024 November General and Special Elections* (attached).
3. [To submit ballot proofs:](#)

- **PrintElect customers:** Approve your revised ballot proofs in PrintElect's Workflow
- **All others:** Submit your revised ballot proofs (one for each style) using the [Ballot Proof Submission Forms site form](#)

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