

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON

IN RE:

**PETITION FOR A WRIT OF ELECTION
ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO
FILL THE VACANCY ON THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.**

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Case No. CL 23-10

WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

IT APPEARING to the Court by a verified Petition for Writ of Special Election filed by the City Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia (the "Council"), by counsel, that a vacancy exists on the Council as a result of the resignation of one of its members, Ms. Andrea W. Oakes, on January 3, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, after the Court's review of the Petition for Writ of Special Election, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Pursuant to Va. Code § 24.2-226 this Writ of Special Election IS HEREBY ISSUED AND ENTERED and the Electoral Board of the City of Staunton (the "Electoral Board") shall take steps and prepare such means as may be necessary to hold the special election on the date of the regularly scheduled November 7, 2023, general election in the City of Staunton to fill the vacancy on the Council of the City of Staunton, in the manner and at the places as would be executed for the general election to be conducted on such date;

2. The Electoral Board and General Registrar of the City of Staunton (the "General Registrar") shall observe the directives set forth in Virginia Code § 24.2-681, *et seq.* when conducting the special election;

3. The Secretary of the Electoral Board of the City of Staunton shall cause notice of the special election to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in this jurisdiction

at least ten (10) days before the special election and to do all things as prescribed by law to conduct such an election of a person to serve the portion of the remaining term of the office now vacant; and

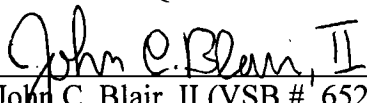
4. The Clerk of this Court shall transmit a certified copy of this Writ of Special Election to the Honorable Robert H. Brink, Chair of the Virginia State Board of Elections; Anne T. Fitzgerald, the Secretary of the Electoral Board of the City of Staunton, Christi L. Linhoss, General Registrar of the City of Staunton, the Honorable Stephen W. Claffey, Mayor of the Council of the City of Staunton, Kiley A. Kesecker, Clerk of City Council; Staci N. Falls, Clerk of the Circuit Court; and counsel for the Petitioner. The Clerk is also directed to post an attested copy of this writ in at least one public place.

ENTERED this 5th day of January, 2023.



JUDGE

ENTRY REQUESTED BY:



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