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August 15, 2018

VIA EMAIL (newarkonevoice@yahoo.com) AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Mabin Womble 1000 Third Ave., Apt. 810 Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Lester Green 1224 ½ Monroe Ave. Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Re: Referendum Petition to Amend Alternatives Permitted Under the Council-

Manager Plan of Government

Dear Mr. Womble and Mr. Green:

I am in receipt of your referendum petition to amend certain alternatives that are permitted under the City of Asbury Park's current municipal form of government (Council-Manager Plan under the Faulkner Act). This petition was received by my office on July 26, 2018, and was subsequently amended by the Petitioners on August 8, 2018 and also on August 15, 2018 in order to include additional signatures. The referendum petition proposes two (2) ballot questions which, if approved, would amend the City's form of government in the following respects: (1) changing from an all at-large system to a ward and at-large system, whereby the municipality would be divided into three wards, with one Council member elected from each ward and two Council members (including the Mayor) elected at-large; and (2) changing from a non-partisan system under the "Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law" (N.J.S.A. 40:45-5, et seq.) to a partisan system, involving the holding of a primary election in June and then partisan general elections in November.

In reviewing the referendum petition, I have verified that the Petitioners have included the signatures of legally registered voters of the City which represent at least fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast in the municipality at the last election at which members of the General

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Assembly were elected, per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:69A-185, and otherwise complies with State statute. As such, I will be certifying your Petition to the City Council at their next regular meeting.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dye, RMC

City Clerk

cc: The Honorable Mayor John Moor and Members of the City Council

Michael N. Capabianco, City Manager Frederick C. Raffetto, City Attorney