

Bishop-Henchman v. Evans

Challenger Presentation to the D.C. Board of Elections

April 17, 2026

Summary

- 1. The petition is insufficient, with only 1,352 of the required 2,000 valid signatures.** The Board can deny ballot access on this fact alone.
- 2. The candidate's allegations as to any other challenge are irrelevant here.** This is the Bishop-Henchman challenge, not the Rogers challenge.
- 3. The same handwriting is used on numerous signatures on numerous sheets,** justifying application of the *Jain* case remedy of invalidating additional sheets and referral for investigation and prosecution.

1. The petition is insufficient.

- The Registrar's review of the challenge concluded that the petition has only 1,352 valid signatures. The 1,280 invalid items consist of:
 - 412 not in the voter roll at all (NR)
 - 287 not at address in voter roll (AC)
 - 235 not registered in same party (PC)
 - 94 illegible (ILL)
 - 81 duplicates (DUP)
 - 59 inactive on the voter roll (IA)
 - 45 circulator affidavit defects (ICA)
 - 26 signature doesn't match (SDM)
 - 22 lack address (AM)
 - 19 lack date (ND)

1. The petition is insufficient.

- The sheer number of defects is fatal: no combination of AC cures, ILL identifications, or ICA waivers will reach 2,000 valid signatures.
 - The candidate submitted less than 10 AC cures out of 287 possible.
 - 277 uncured ACs + 235 not registered Democrats + 81 duplicates + 59 inactive voters = 652 invalid lines out of 2,632 raw signatures filed, *already insufficient without considering any other factors.*
- The candidate's belated objections to the ballot access process and address cure timeline can only be addressed legislatively by D.C. Council, not by the Board of Elections. The candidate is or should be familiar with D.C. laws and regulations, including ballot laws.

2. Allegations as to another challenge are irrelevant here.

- In the prehearing conference, the candidate alleged an ethical complaint against another challenger (Rogers) and argued that all challenges against him should be dismissed as “fruit of the poisonous tree.”
 - This is not the Rogers challenge, and any allegations regarding it are irrelevant here in the Bishop-Henchman challenge. In any event, the Board has already ruled against the candidate on this point in the Rogers matter.
 - “Fruit of the poisonous tree” is a criminal law doctrine to exclude evidence gathered through police misconduct, where there is a direct link. There is no precedent for applying it to dismiss other filings where that evidence was not at issue, or indeed in the ballot access context at all.

3. Fraud

- There are at least 14 sheets from multiple circulators where multiple signatures are in the same handwriting. These include:
 - “Signers” miswriting their own names and addresses.
 - Series of “signers” appearing in suspicious patterns.
 - Fictitious people.
- The widespread nature of this fraud warrants further investigation and referral for prosecution, and invalidation of all remaining sheets from the circulators identified by the Registrar (298 signatures), as was done in the *Jain* case.

3. Fraud: Sheets in the Same Handwriting

PRINTED NAME AND ADDRESS OF PETITIONER
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER John Q. Public ADDRESS 1015 Half Street, SE
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER Troy Sullivan ADDRESS 1221 M St NW #422
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER Daryl Besky ADDRESS 1221 M St NW #518
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER Carol Ellis ADDRESS 1221 M St #930
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER Anghela Eggs ADDRESS 1221 M St NW #973
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER Bianca Creed ADDRESS 1804 Marion Barry
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER Pearl Sparks ADDRESS 1221 M St NW #1024
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER John Little ADDRESS 1221 M St NW #1026
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER edna Scott ADDRESS 1221 M St NW
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER Shirley McQueen ADDRESS 1221 M St NW #109
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER Barbara White ADDRESS 1221 M St NW #836

NOTE: Each signer of this petition must be a duly registered voter

Sheet 10
Circulator: Angelia Steele

PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	SIGN HERE	DATE
SEQUENA MADRO ADDRESS 3834 400 10th St SE	<i>Sequena Madro</i>	3-17-26
JOSEPH WITT ADDRESS 91 PATOMAC AVE SE WASH DC	<i>Joseph Witt</i>	3/17/26
BEARDLEY ESSEX ADDRESS 7106 ST SE WASHINGTON DC	<i>Beardley Essex</i>	3/14/26
HARVEY FRANK ADDRESS 900 ST SE #30+	<i>Harvey Frank</i>	3/11/26
DANAWORTH CHAMBERLAIN ADDRESS 355 I ST SW #313-5 WASH DC	<i>Danaworth Chamberlain</i>	3/17/26

Sheet 199
Circulator: Ne'kole Rawlings

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NAME OF PETITIONER	SIGN HERE	DATE
AMERA BAILEY 822 OTIS PL NW	<i>Kind Jones</i>	3-11/26
DEBORAH BAILEY 822 OTIS PL NW	<i>Amlia Bailey</i>	3/11/26
ANTONIO BAILEY 822 OTIS PL NW	<i>Deborah Bailey</i>	3/11/26
LOUIS HOLLANDS 112 55th SE	<i>Amelia Bailey</i>	3/11/26
SHERRY STEWART 112 55th SE	<i>Louis Hollands</i>	3/11/26
JIBRIL DAVIS 112 55th SE	<i>Sherry Stewart</i>	3/11/26
ANGELIA STEELE 1221 M St NW #106	<i>Jibril Davis</i>	3/11/26
WILLIE CLAYTON	<i>Angelia Steele</i>	3/11/26

Sheet 410
Circulator: Tashima Barnes

6	ADDRESS 2607 tubman rd se
7	PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER MORHEISHA GRIFFIN
8	ADDRESS 1513 tubman rd se
9	PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER CHRISTINE GRIFFIN
10	ADDRESS 1513 tubman rd se

Sheet S-18
Circulator: Tashima Barnes

Sheet 12
Circulator: Angelia Steele

3. Fraud: “Signers” Miswriting Own Names & Addresses

- Sheet 9 (Circulator Steele): the signers on lines 6 through 9 are all at the same address (112 55th St) but all write their address wrong (115 55th St). It is more likely that it was not written by those signers.
- Sheet 12, line 3 (Circulator Steele): Andrea Bailey seemingly misspelled their own name as Andera Bailey. It is more likely that it was not written by that signer.
- Sheet 15, line 7 (Circulator Steele): Irving Rosenblatt seemingly misspelled their own name as Irving Rosenball. It is more likely that it was not written by that signer.
- Sheet 191, line 7 (Circulator Rawlings): Zhanae Featherston supposedly wrote and signed their own name as Zhanae Beatheaston. It is more likely that it was not written and not signed by that signer.
- Sheet 198, line 9 (Circulator Rawlings): Tatyana Hawkins supposedly wrote their own address as Dunn Place rather than Dubois Place. It is more likely that it was not written by that signer.
- Sheet 199, line 3 (Circulator Rawlings): Beverly Essiet supposedly wrote their own name as Beverly Essex. It is more likely that it was not written by that signer.

3. Fraud: Entries Appearing in Suspicious Patterns

- On Sheet 199 (Circulator Rawlings), most of the lines match a first name and an address with a different person's last name, as if there was an Excel row mismatch that the person filling out the sheet was using.
 - For example, line 6 lists Ladean Itamac at 4008 M St SE #119. There is no such person, but there is a Ladean Holman at that same address.
 - Line 2 lists Jason White at 41 Potomac Ave SE, but there is a Joseph White at that address.
 - Line 1 lists Sequena Mundro at 3409 18th St SE, but there is a Sequena McBride at that address.
- Sheets 393, 394, and 395 (Circulator Barnes) alternate pen colors between black, purple, and blue. All the purple lines have last names that begin with A.

3. Fraud: Fictitious People

- Several of Circulator Barnes's sheets consist mostly of signers who do not appear on the voter roll, with dates clearly written in the same ink/handwriting.
- For example, Sheet 404 (left) all but line 1 are not registered voters and clearly had the dates filled in by the same person.
- Sheet 410 (right) has some real people but fictitious signers "Plume Snig" and "Russian Bling" in the same handwriting.

PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Thomas King	SIGN HERE	T King	3/17/2
ADDRESS	222 56 th ST			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	CODY CAKE	SIGN HERE	Cody Cane	3/17/2
ADDRESS	1601 6 th ST NW #413			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Rameo Brunner	SIGN HERE	Rameo Brunner	3/17/2
ADDRESS	1777 Columbia Rd NW			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Brawley Dallas	SIGN HERE	Brawley Dallas	3/17/2
ADDRESS	200 Henilworth Ave. NE			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Axel Junior	SIGN HERE	Axel Junior	3/17/2
ADDRESS	2228 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Nick Slade	SIGN HERE	Nick Slade	3/17/2
ADDRESS	1000 Wisconsin Ave NW			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	SONNY ACE	SIGN HERE	Sonny Ace	3/17/2
ADDRESS	200 12 th ST SW			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Max Cash	SIGN HERE	Max Cash	3/17/2
ADDRESS	7 1 st NE #12			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Noa Benmon	SIGN HERE	Noa Benmon	3/17/2
ADDRESS	113 Potomac Ave SW #10			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Sawyer Collins	SIGN HERE	Sawyer Collins	3/17/2
ADDRESS	6916 Roosevelt St NW APT 20			

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PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Terish A Green	SIGN HERE	Terish A Green	3/18
ADDRESS	1414 Downing St NE #14			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	PAUL THOMAS	SIGN HERE	Paul Thomas	3/18
ADDRESS	1414 Downing St NE #14			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Matilda King	SIGN HERE	Matilda King	3-18
ADDRESS	6101 16 th ST NW #481			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Nah Deeds	SIGN HERE	Nah Deeds	3/18
ADDRESS	6101 10 th ST NW APT 525			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Sarah Rose	SIGN HERE	Sarah Rose	3-18
ADDRESS	5129 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave NE #40			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Cameron Bone	SIGN HERE	Cameron Bone	3-18
ADDRESS	5129 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave NE #205			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	JAMES BOW	SIGN HERE	James Bow	3/18
ADDRESS	1001 16 th ST NW #564			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Wahing Elias	SIGN HERE	Wahing Elias	3/18
ADDRESS	220 7 th ST SW			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Plume Snig	SIGN HERE	Plume Snig	3/18
ADDRESS	56 ST NE			
PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	Russian Bling	SIGN HERE	Russian Bling	3/18
ADDRESS	58 PLE			

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Submitted Affidavits Do Not Explain the Problems

- On April 14, the Evans campaign submitted 14 affidavits to contest the fraud allegation. However, **none** of the 14 affidavits relate to signatures challenged on fraud grounds. In fact, 10 of the signatures were not challenged at all.

PDF Page	Name	Sheet	Line	Registrar's Initial Ruling	Sheet alleged by challenger to contain forgeries?
1	Keisha Riddick	sheet 388	line 7	not challenged	No
2	Lawrence House	sheet 388	line 6	not challenged	No
3	Marlin Canady	sheet S-18	line 8	not challenged	Yes
4	Paris McFadden	sheet 383	line 2	AC	No
5	Tatiana Hines	sheet 383	line 6	not challenged	No
6	Dannielle Hamilton	sheet 383	line 4	not challenged	No
7	Stanley Hamilton	sheet 383	line 5	not challenged	No
8	Eric Cleckley	sheet S-18	line 6	AC	Yes
9	MarQuita Griffin	sheet S-18	line 5	PC	No
10	Markeisha Griffin	sheet S-18	line 7	not challenged	Yes
11-12	Barbara Bush	sheet 383	line 3	AC	No
13-14	Tiydre Edwards	sheet 420	line 7	not challenged	No
15-16	John Dunn	sheet 383	line 8	not challenged	No
17-18	David Neverson	sheet 383	line 7	not challenged	No

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- 2 of the affidavits (Marlin Canady & Markeisha Griffin) do relate to signatures on page S-18 (Circulator Barnes) where the challenger has requested sheet invalidation under the *Jain* precedent. However, one of the affidavits actually illustrates how the identical handwriting on Sheet S-18 does not match the handwriting on the submitted affidavit by the voter:

Marlin Canady name and address on S-18 of the petition:

PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER	MARLIN CANADY
ADDRESS	1513 Tubman Rd SE Washington DC 20032

Marlin Canady's name and address from the affidavit:

Printed Name (as registered): Marlin Canady

Current Address: 1513 Tubman Rd SE Washington DC 20032

- If Circulator Barnes testifies to the Board, she should be asked under oath if she wrote any of the names, addresses, and dates on her circulated petitions.

Challenger's Request to the Board

1. Deny ballot access.

- Adopt the Registrar's finding that the petition is insufficient, with only 1,352 of the required 2,000 valid signatures.
- Apply the *Jain* precedent to remove 298 further signatures on sheets circulated by circulators who committed fraud. The sheets are listed in the Registrar's report.

2. Refer the fraudulent signature matter for further investigation and prosecution.