AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOFER SEARS

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COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE)

CHRISTOFER SEARS states:

- 1. My name is Christofer Sears, I make this affidavit upon personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.
 - 2. I am a resident of Ramsey County, Minnesota.
- 3. I am a member of the Friends For Paul Wikstrom campaign committee.
- 4. On or about 10/01/2024, I was dropping multiple campaign literature around the rice street area including the Rosedale Estates Apartments at 2735 Rice Street. I observed apartment #103 has significant dust on the door and appeared to not have any activity recently. Significant dust on the door handle was easily observable. (EX 86, 84) I placed a small piece of invisible tape on the lower portion of the door on the left hand side under the door handle about 9-10 inches from the floor. I did this to detect if there was any activity in the coming weeks. (EX 85) I also observed through the at least 1" gap below the door that there was no furniture visible within the STUDIO apartment. In the adjacent apartment to the west, #101 there was a gentleman working just inside the door. I knocked and he appeared to be a member of the maintenance staff, working on the stove in the apartment. He

is an African-American, appearing to be in his late 30's. I did not capture his name. I asked if he'd seen anyone in the apartment next door. He stated, and I paraphrase, "that nobody had lived there since the beginning of the year." This correlated with the information the team later understood from conversations with Xcel Energy, that the power had not been active in the apartment since the beginning of the year, as it was categorized as "demo." I completed my route around the area and observed from outside of the apartment complex that there were no lights or activity in the correlating outside window or patio window. (EX 88, 89) It appeared to me that nobody lived in the apartment.

- 5. On 10/09/2024 I returned to the same apartment complex to continue dropping literature for other candidates in the area and observed that the tape I placed on the door did not appear to have been disturbed and still tacked to the door jam and the door underneath the door handle. (EX 115) I also observed that the dust was the same as the previous observation. In order to get a better photograph, I did disturb the dust pattern on the door. Comparing the photos it appears to have been in the same state as the observations on 10/01/2024.
- 6. On 10/23/2024 I observed Curtis Johnson's car at Makwa Coffee (EX 188) and confirmed that he was in the coffee shop with a small group of women, all wearing DFL political shirts and buttons. This confirmed that he

was still utilizing the blue Mitsubishi Mirage.

- 7. On November 18, 2024, I found online 4 photos of the layout of Apartment #103 for Rosedale Estates. This layout is an older version because it has not yet been remodeled like other units in the building. Exs. 253-256 are true and accurate copies of the photos found online.
- 8. On November 18, 2024, I took a screenshot of Curtis Johnson's 2024 Political Committee to confirm the date he registered his committee. Ex. 269 is a true and correct copy of the political committee information.
- 9. I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116.

Executed in Ramsey County, Minnesota

Dated: November <u>19</u>, 2024

RSigned by Black Kright EXP-DocVerity: 2024-11-19 1806:19 EST

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Christofer Sears

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November, 2024.

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Notary Public, State of Wisconsin My commission expires 3/19/2025

PETER F. SEWELL Notary Public State of Wisconsin My Commission Expires Mar 19, 2025

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