

6. On or about January 3, 2025, I was made aware that Allen Shen, a member of the Republican Party of Minnesota and former Republican Party of Minnesota endorsed candidate in House District 40B, was unable to file for the House District 40B special election. Shen was unable to do so because he was not in the State of Minnesota from December 26, 2024, until approximately December 31, 2024, at 9:00 PM (after the filing deadline of 5:00 PM had closed), and thus Shen was unable to seek the office currently held by Democratic-Farmer-Labor Incumbent Representative Jamie Becker-Finn.

7. I expected the Writ of Special Election to be called according to statute, and thus was not planning to finish identifying and recruiting candidates, or organizing a nominating convention until 22 days after the start of the legislative session, which is when Minnesota Election Law requires the governor to issue a Writ of Special Election when a vacancy results from a successful election contest, as was the case here.

8. Again, the unlawful Writ of Special Election was premature and the notice of the period of candidacy was less than the required number of days. The MNGOP, its members, and its candidates rely on officials to adhere to statutory requirements, especially as it pertains to timing of elections.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116.

Executed in Saint Louis County, Minnesota

On Jan 4, 2025

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