

May 6, 2021

Via Overnight Mail

Hon. Rachael A. Honig
United States Attorney (acting)
U.S. Attorney's Office
Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Federal Building
970 Broad Street, 7th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102

Re: 2021 Primary Election Monitor

Dear Ms. Honig:

Please accept this formal request to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey for federal monitoring of the 2021 Primary Election in the City of Camden, New Jersey.

There's a history of election tampering in Camden. This includes past allegations of voter fraud, instances of "phantom candidates" who have little to no awareness of why they are running for office, and other serious candidates being issued gerrymandered ballot positions referred to as "ballot Siberia."

All you have to do is look at last year's *New York Post* piece and it tells part of the story. The article titled "Confessions of a voter fraud: I was a master at fixing mail-in ballots" from August 29, 2020 details one person's account of ballot manipulation and other methods of election fraud.

In addition to the anonymous source's account, Camden has had a history of conflicted officials participating in local elections.

Camden Councilman Angel Fuentes is running for re-election under the Column 1 party line, and is at the same time serving as the current deputy county clerk in Camden County.

Councilman Fuentes should be precluded from serving in his capacity as deputy clerk during this election cycle. It's a clear conflict of interest and reinforces the need for monitors.

The stakes in this election have never been higher, and our community deserves a free and fair election. My ask: place monitors in the county clerk's office, board of elections, and polling places on the day of and every day after the election until the election is certified.

This sort of oversight has precedence in New Jersey. In 2002, U.S. Attorney Chris Christie provided federal monitors for the Newark mayoral primary race between then-Councilman Cory Booker and Mayor Sharpe James. Mr. Christie sent federal prosecutors into polling locations on election day, provided public updates, and contacted the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and State Police when they suspected electioneering had occurred.

Last, I'm requesting that each voting machine in the city of Camden be inspected to insure that each machine is properly tabulating votes.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you regarding my request.

Sincerely,

Elton Custis
Candidate for Mayor
City of Camden