

State of North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State

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By Email and United States Postal Service

Susan Hogarth, Chair Libertarian Party of North Carolina P.O. Box 28141 Raleigh NC 27611 chair@lpnc.org

Re: Notice of Elector Requirements and Dual-Office Holding Limitations

Dear Ms. Hogarth:

The North Carolina General Statutes direct the North Carolina Secretary of State to provide notice to political parties of certain requirements related to service as a presidential elector and dual-office holding. This letter contains that statutorily required notice.

I have provided a summary of the Constitutional and Statutory requirements below and have also enclosed a copy of some pertinent provisions. I have also copied your party's Secretary. If there has been any change in your contact information, I would appreciate your letting me know.

- **1. Elector Nomination:** N.C.G.S. § 163-1 (c) requires that each political party authorized to nominate electors shall nominate one presidential elector from each congressional district and two from the state-at-large, as well as first and second alternate electors. Each party is required to file the names of those electors with the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State by "12:00 noon on the first Friday in August", which is Friday, August 7, 2020. N.C.G.S. § 163-209.
- 2. Date of the meeting of the Electoral College: Please inform anyone seeking the position of elector for your political party that both State and federal law require that the meeting of the Electoral College take place at noon on *December 14, 2020.*
- **3. Dual-Office Holding**: There are provisions in both the North Carolina Constitution and the North Carolina General Statutes related to dual-office holding. Specifically, and perhaps most importantly, if a person elected as elector holds another elective office at the time of taking the oath of office as an elector, that other office is vacated upon taking the oath of office (with limited exceptions).

I hope that this information is useful to you. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance. I can be reached at (919) 814-5310 or awall@sosnc.gov.

Regards,

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Enclosure