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In the matter of the Complaint

Against

Town of North Castle Supervisor's Election -  
Absentee Ballots

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WHEREAS, on or about January 10, 2024, the Division of Election Law Enforcement (DELE) received a complaint alleging fraudulent absentee ballots had been submitted in the 2023 Election for the Supervisor of the Town of North Castle, NY. The complainant stated that since Joseph Rende, candidate for Supervisor, had handled five absentee ballots with alleged fraudulent signatures and potential residency issues, they felt that a full investigation into the matter was warranted; and

WHEREAS, upon examination of the complaint letter, DELE staff found that it had also been sent to the Westchester County District Attorney. Since the DELE would refer any criminal matter to the appropriate law enforcement entity, the Chief Enforcement Counsel (CEC) contacted the Westchester DA's Office to ensure they were aware of the complaint. Once their receipt of the complaint was confirmed, the CEC determined that the matter was no longer a DELE issue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, this matter is closed with no further enforcement action.

DIVISION OF ELECTION  
LAW ENFORCEMENT



By: Michael L. Johnson  
Chief Enforcement Counsel