

August 14, 2013

Deputy Secretary
Virginia State Board of Elections
1100 Bank Street, 1st Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

Office of the Registrar
1300 Courthouse Road
Stafford, Virginia 22554

SUBJECT: DISQUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am writing to you today to inform you of a violation of law by a candidate for the Stafford County School Board and request her immediate disqualification on the grounds that she has not met the requirements of “qualified voter” within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Vanessa Griffin has sworn and attested on her Declaration of Candidacy form that she resides at the address of 211 Pepper Tree Lane in Stafford County, Virginia and that the information given was true and correct and that she is qualified to vote and hold the office for which she is a candidate.

Ms. Griffin does not meet the residency and domicile requirements under **Virginia Code 24.2-101**. There is a wide distinction between domicile and residence, as recognized not only by the Commonwealth of Virginia, but by most authorities and governmental entities that have adopted more stringent residency rules. Domicile is defined to be a residence at a particular place, accompanied with positive or presumptive proof of an intention to remain there for an unlimited time. To constitute a domicile, two things must concur - first, residency; secondly, the intention to remain there.

Ms. Griffin has not proven her intent to domicile at her residence on Pepper Tree Lane as supported by her movement of personal affects via moving truck, the removal and relocation of her pets and complete absence away from the property – she returns to her property to tend to overgrowth in the yard to once again, not to be seen for several weeks when the routine again repeats itself. Ms. Griffin was witnessed to be living in the Aquia Harbour subdivision in the location considered “Section 2” or the Griffis-Widewater Magisterial District at 205 Sail Cove, Stafford, Virginia 22554 owned by her boyfriend, Michael Paul, and where she houses her belongings, her automobile, her pets and where she arises and retires to each day.

Interviews with neighbors along the Pepper Tree Lane corridor will clearly corroborate the fact that she has not been living there.

Ms. Griffin has sufficiently shown her intent to reside in the **Griffis-Widewater District** and should therefore be disqualified from appearing on the ballot as a candidate for School Board in the **Aquia District** based on the clear violation of **Virginia Code 24.2-101**.

Lastly, Ms. Griffin is in violation of the Candidate Campaign Committee disclosure requirements on her website: www.vanessagriffin.wordpress.com as well as her open, public School Board campaign Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Vanessa-Griffin-for-School-Board/193636830802394>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your swift action in order to ensure that the residents of the Aquia District have their constitutionally-protected right to conduct a fair and lawful election that will result in proper and legal representation on the School Board.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kevin Odlum
319 Cutter Cove
Aquia Harbour
Stafford, Virginia 22554

Attachments