Dear Mr. Rabah,

The State Board of Elections plans to hold a remote meeting at 4 pm on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, to consider petitions from the following three organizations for recognition as new political parties: the Constitution Party of North Carolina, the We The People Party, and the Justice For All Party of North Carolina. In preparation for that meeting, the Chair of the State Board is requesting further information, as detailed below, from each organization regarding the requirement in N.C.G.S. § 163-96(b) that “the organizers and petition circulators shall inform the signers of the general purpose and intent of the new party.”

1. The We The People Party submitted documentation in May of 2024 entitled “Instructions for Petitioners” and the organization’s Bylaws. The documents are enclosed with this letter for reference. The documents include “Purpose” statements, as well as instructions for asking for signatures and sample signature collecting scripts that include statements regarding the new party’s purpose. Is the information conveyed in the documents the new party’s general purpose and intent? If there is another official statement of the new party’s general purpose and intent, please provide that documentation.

2. The Instructions document notes that “any person 18 years old or older” can collect signatures, and circulators “do not have to be registered to vote or live in North Carolina.” Was a signature-gathering firm used to circulate the petitions in North Carolina? If so, please identify any firms hired by, or otherwise assisting, the new party in its petition gathering. If not, please identify the petition circulators and provide a list that includes their name, address, and contact information.

3. The Instructions document includes instructions for how to go about collecting signatures. Did the new party conduct and oversee training and instruction of its circulators or otherwise confirm that its circulators reviewed all training materials before gathering signatures? If a signature-gathering firm was used, was training provided by the firm to the new party’s petition circulators and any of the firm’s own petition circulators? If so, please provide documentation or certification from the firm showing the circulators...
working in North Carolina were instructed on the general purpose and intent of the new party.

4. In addition to the sample signature collecting scripts and instructions for collecting signatures that are described in the Instructions document, were any other scripts or talking points provided to petition circulators regarding the general purpose and intent of the new party? If so, please provide:
   a. any examples of talking points and any scripts (or portions thereof) provided to petition circulators working in North Carolina that refer to the new party’s general purpose and intent;
   b. copies of any training materials (or portions thereof) provided to petition circulators working in North Carolina that refer to the new party’s general purpose and intent; and
   c. copies of any materials (or portions thereof) provided to voters in North Carolina by petition circulators that refer to the new party’s general purpose and intent, other than the already-provided handout.

The Chair of the State Board requests that answers to the above questions, and any responsive information or documentation, be provided by June 25, 2024. You may submit the requested information by email to the legal staff for the Board via legal@ncsbe.gov.

The Chair of the State Board further requests that the Chair for the new party remotely attend the State Board meeting and be prepared to answer questions about the petition under oath, if requested by the State Board. Further information regarding how to join the meeting remotely will be provided in advance of the meeting.

Regards,

Adam Steele
Associate General Counsel, State Board of Elections

CC: Ms. Ceara Foley, Chair, We The People Party
BCC: Members of the State Board of Elections
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITIONERS

NEW NORTH CAROLINA “WE THE PEOPLE” PARTY PETITION

Purpose: To start a new party “We The People” in North Carolina. This will allow us to place Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s name on the NC ballot for the 2024 Presidential election. To do so, we need to collect 21,000 signatures by May 1st or 1435 a week collectively across NC.

Who can collect signatures?
Any person 18 years old or older. You do not have to be registered to vote or live in North Carolina.

How do I get started?
Print the PDF petition sheets from this site: http://tinyurl.com/NC-Party-Petition-Form
Each petition sheet must be printed on standard 8.5” x 11” white paper, in landscape format.
Get a clipboard and add 5-10 petition sheets to it.
Bring 3-5 blue or black ballpoint pens ONLY – NO gel, felt tip, or any other types of pens!
Bring a table and/or chairs if you want for your comfort – just be sure not to obstruct anything

Where do I go to collect signatures?
High traffic spots likely to have a large % of registered voters, especially unaffiliated voters.

1. Anywhere on public property, including:
   - Public universities (e.g., in free speech areas where others set up tables)
   - Public libraries
   - Bus stations/transit (but not Amtrak) and rest stops
   - On sidewalks and areas within 6 feet of any public road
   - Outside government buildings like the post office or DMV
   - Public outdoor sporting or other events at K-12 public schools (but not inside)

2. Private property including private colleges and nursing homes ONLY IF and AS LONG AS you have verbal permission of the person you reasonably believe to have authority to grant it

3. Going door to door single or multi-family homes (but apartment complexes are not allowed)

Note: You are not a solicitor of goods, you are petitioning your government for a redress of grievances - that We the People currently has no ballot access (Reference Marsh vs Alabama - Supreme Court case & see Know Your Petition Rights)
You must not give anything of any monetary value (e.g., buttons, bumper stickers) away while you are petitioning. If you have a table set up, don’t put a bowl of candy out or other food, as another example.

How do I ask for people’s signatures?
You might break the ice with a friendly hello, “good afternoon,” or genuine compliment!

1. Ask your intended signer, “Are you registered to vote in NC?”
   If they’re unsure, you can offer to use your or their phone to check voter.org & register if not

2. If they are, then ask “Great, are you willing to sign a petition to form a new party in N.C.?”

   Explain why in your own words that ¾ of American voters want more choices than the corporate duopoly offers and why they might want to help their fellow citizens have that opportunity etc... You may also explain, “This party, “We the People” intends to nominate RFK, Jr. as its candidate.

3. Once they agree, ask “In what county are you registered to vote?” Write the name of their county at the top of the petition sheet in the first blank space under “voters in ________ county.” This petition is now designated to
that county. You will need a separate petition sheet for each county. Do not write anything else on the front of this form.

**Collecting the signatures**

You must have an unobstructed view of the person while they sign. **NO ONE CAN SIGN FOR ANYONE ELSE OR HELP ANYONE SIGN** not a spouse or housemate who says they have permission, nor a person with disabilities who can’t fill it out themselves. **This constitutes fraud.**

Ensuring they are **printing as neatly as possible,** walk them through completing each of the six boxes:

1) Name must appear as it does on their voter registration (middle name/initial isn’t as important)
2) Address box does not need to include city and state (this will help fit the number and street name more legibly). No PO Boxes allowed. MUST BE the address of their residence on voter registration. **Each box must be completed (no “ditto” or arrows pointing to the line above) ie a roommate can not add “as” their address after their roommate signs**
3) Zip code is in its own box
4) Birthdate must be completed in a different order (European style) than we’re used to: day/month/4 digit year. This is a common place people mess up and then the signature doesn’t count, so be sure to remind them before they start and watch that they do it correctly.
5) They should sign using their usual signature.
6) Today’s date can be noted in the normal American format, month/day/year.

*If someone makes a mistake, put a single line through their entry. Have them start over on the next line.*

**How do I turn in my petitions?**

Do your best to keep your petition sheets pristine – tears, writing or pen marks that prevent the text from being read clearly could invalidate the whole sheet.

1. Print your name on the back of each petition sheet.
2. This is so we can ask questions or give feedback if needed and track the signatures you collect.
3. Enter your name, county you live in, and total numbers of signatures you collected each week from all sheets you have in your possession on Wednesdays on **this Google sheet.**
4. Take a picture of each sheet for your records. This is in the case of mail fraud or loss.
5. Deliver your petitions each Wednesday to your regional coordinator. Delivery can be in person or via team members cooperating via handoffs from far to closer or simply taking turns among local members to deliver them each week.

**REGIONAL COORDINATORS INCLUDE:**

- Beaufort, Pitt, Craven, Carteret, et al counties: Tadd Herron, taddherron@gmail.com
- New Hanover County/Wilmington area: Kim Bowman, bowmankim17@gmail.com
- Cumberland County/surrounding area: Tam Munar, chrisandtammunar@gmail.com
- Wake, Johnston & surrounding counties: Anthony Noto, anthony.n@teamkennedy.com
- Durham county/area: Donna Dreyer, ddreyer518@gmail.com
- Guilford, Forsyth Cos/Greensboro area: Donya Lucas donyalucas@hotmail.com
- Mecklenburg County/Charlotte area: Heidi Aldinger, Heidi.Aldinger@gmail.com
- Buncombe and WNC counties: Beth Baldino, beth@kennedync.org
Sample Signature Collecting Scripts:

#1 "Excuse me miss/sir/folks, sorry to bother/interrupt. Are you registered to vote in North Carolina? We are creating a new independent 3rd party called We The People to put Robert F Kennedy Jr on the ballot in November. He is running as an independent for the office of president. Are you familiar with him? We require about 13,700 signatures in NC to get him on the ballot. Would you be willing to sign to allow us a real choice this November?

#2 "...Would you like to sign a petition to get more options on the ballot this November? We are gathering signatures to start a new party in NC called We The People. This will allow us to place the people’s candidate on the ballot for all future elections once established. Would you be willing to sign to allow us a real choice this November? There is no obligation on your part. It’s just a pathway for the independent choice.” If they ask then... “This year the party plans to nominate independent candidate Robert F Kennedy Jr. for president”

If asked what does “We The People” party stand for? Sample answer: The party stands as a declaration of democracy, asserting that power comes from the collective will of the citizens. It will concern itself with issues every citizen agrees: reducing chronic illness & pollution, wholesome food supply, preserving the environment, government honesty, freedom of expression, & etc. Reference this video & text.

Find your own voice & what works best for you! We suggest having some flyers/pamphlets handy to pass out to people that need to learn more. Here is a link to one you can print (double sided) & trifold.

Sample Places to Canvas or Collect Signatures:

- Door to door
- Big box store parking lots, like Costco or Super Walmart on weekends (stay away from entrance)
- State or city parks; Public libraries (outside); DMV (outside)
- State colleges/universities/tech schools (these usually need a student sponsor & approval)
- Farmers Market parking lots; Craft shows & flea markets
- Search the internet for events in your area (Parades, Shows, etc.)
- Theater & Sporting events (outside); Running events (runningintheusa.com)

Anyplace that has good people traffic and where you are not interfering with commerce. If you can get ~10 signatures an hour you are in a good spot & should stick with whatever works for you.

Be prepared-
If the event is on public grounds and "open to the public" meaning they don't charge admittance then it is absolutely within your legal right to petition under your second amendment rights via Marsh vs Alabama. We are not campaigning. So you could definitely be outside without any Kennedy gear and ask if folks would like to sign a petition to get another option on the ballot and be lawfully in the right.
It is not frequent, but it can happen that you will be challenged. See & print “Know Your Petition Rights”.

Events: Search for planned events you can join and/or post your own on both the NC 4 Kennedy Facebook group and on Kennedy24.com

We The People
North Carolina Bylaws

Article I. Name, Duration

The name of this organization shall be We The People, North Carolina hereinafter referred to as “We The People,” “Party,” or by the acronym “WTPNC.” The duration of this organization shall be perpetual.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Party is to conduct the following activities consistent with the Statement of Core Values:

1. Advancing the Statement of Core Values of the Party by entering into political information activities.

2. Nominating candidates for statewide political offices and supporting candidates for political office within the State.

3. Promoting, recognizing, and coordinating local organizations throughout the State.

4. Supporting national candidates endorsed by the Party.

5. Affiliate the Party, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, with a national political party.

Article III. Definitions

The following definitions will apply throughout all Party governing documents:

“Bylaws” means the bylaws of the Party.

“Executive Committee” shall mean the Party Officers.

“Inaugural State Convention” means the first state convention held directly after the formation of the Party.

“Initial Executive Committee” means the Initial Officers.

“Initial Officers” means the current inaugural Chair (Ceara Foley) and the Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, all appointed by the Chair.

"Party Office" means any specified position to which a person can be elected to within the Party.

"Party Officer" means an elected statewide official of WTPNC.

"State Convention" means the statewide conventions of WTPNC occurring after the Inaugural State Convention.

“Statement of Core Values” means the Party’s platform and guiding principles.
“WTP National Party” means any national party created following the Statement of Core Values of We the People.

Article IV. Membership & Purpose

The Party is an individual membership organization open to all legal residents of North Carolina.

Section 1. Member

1. A resident of North Carolina that is a registered voter may become a Member of WTPNC provided they are not a registered voter affiliated with another political party, and by fulfilling the following criteria:

   a. Maintaining your voter registration under We The People; and

   b. Maintaining current membership dues with the WTPNC, if any are established by the Executive Committee; and

   c. Attesting to We The People’s Statement of Core Values.

2. Only Members may serve on state or local affiliate executive committees and as delegates to We the People’s State Conventions.

3. All Members must attest to our Statement of Core Values, which states:

   “As a Member of We the People of North Carolina, I affirm my commitment to the fundamental principles outlined in our party’s platform, emphasizing the protection of the Constitution of the United States of America and the peaceful expression of ideas and actions in support of our Constitutional rights and freedoms.

   Core Values Include a commitment to:

   Environmental Stewardship of our soil, air, and water

   Access to safe food and healthy public spaces and natural resources

   Transparency in politics and governance

   Ending the stranglehold of the existing two party duopoly

   Promotion of peaceful dialogue on pressing issues between Americans of all walks of life

   Halting corporate influence in politics and governance

   Ending and preventing wars, redirecting excessive foreign military aid to domestic affairs

   Securing our borders while expanding safe, legal immigration

   Support of constitutional rights/freedoms

   Restoring quality of life to the middle class, marginalized communities, and our veterans
Prison reform and the implementation of healing rehabilitative farming programs

Medical freedom, bodily autonomy, and solving our chronic disease epidemic

Protection of our Bill of Rights and expression free speech

Equitable political participation including fair ballot access and upholding of human rights

Honesty as the foundation of trust and accountability in governance

Dedication to securing the election of all duly nominated candidates who uphold these values as well as promoting fellowship and community for like-minded individuals.”

4. Termination / Suspension of Membership. Membership terminates automatically for any of the following reasons: failure to comply with Article IV Section 1 of these Bylaws, no longer being a resident of North Carolina, or a suspension issued by at least a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee.

   a. Suspension is subject to written appeal within thirty (30) days of notification. Failure to appeal shall terminate the membership for a period of two years or until the next State Convention. Upon appeal by any member, the Executive Committee shall hold a hearing concerning the suspension. Following the hearing, the Executive Committee shall rule either to terminate the membership of the member or continue the membership in good standing. Should the Executive Committee fail to rule, the member shall continue as a Member of the Party.

Article V. Officers

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Party shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer which shall form the Executive Committee. The Initial Officers shall be appointed by State Chair. Future Party Officers shall be elected at the State Convention as determined by Executive Committee. Party Officers shall take office immediately upon the close of such State Convention. No State offices shall be combined, except on an interim basis if directed by Executive Committee.

Section 2. Chair

The Chair shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Party and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party. The Chair shall:

1. Preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and the State Convention;

2. Convene the Executive Committee as needed, but for at least three (3) meetings per calendar year;

3. Appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, the Chair and members of working committees established by the Executive Committee, if any;

4. Appoint an Assistant Secretary, as deemed necessary, to assist said officers in carrying out
their duties;

5. Serve as a spokesperson for the Party; and

6. Raise funds necessary for the Party to meet its goals.

Section 3. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall act as assistant to the Chair and preside in the Chair's absence. The Vice Chair shall perform duties as directed by the Chair or Executive Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the Chair position, the Vice Chair shall become interim Chair until the next State Convention.

Section 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall:

1. Keep and maintain all minutes of Executive Committee meetings and the State Convention;

2. Keep and maintain a database of Member contact information;

3. Issue all meeting notices for the Executive Committee and annual State Convention;

4. Distribute Executive Committee meeting minutes to all members of the Executive Committee no later than seven (7) days after said meeting is held;

5. Oversee balloting process of Executive Committee and State Convention;

6. Upon vacating the office, transmit all records to successor within ten (10) days.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

1. Maintain the Party bank account at an insured commercial bank;

2. Maintain all records of contributions received and disbursements made required by law or by the Executive Committee;

3. Prepare and file any reports as may be required by law or by the Executive Committee;

4. Prepare and send any notices as may be required by these Bylaws or state law;

5. Distribute a summary of the general finances of the Party as well as a summary of the funds received and disbursed by the Party for each calendar quarter to all Executive Committee members, and any national party affiliate, within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar quarter;

6. Upon vacating the office, transmit all records to successor within ten (10) days.
Section 5. Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer shall act as assistant to the Treasurer and preside in the Treasurer's absence. The Assistant Treasurer shall perform duties as directed by the Chair or Executive Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the Treasurer position, the Assistant Treasurer shall become interim Treasurer until the next State Convention.

Article VI. Executive Committee

Section 1. Purpose

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all of the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws and any resolutions that may have been adopted in Convention. Any matter decided by a majority vote of the Executive Committee shall be binding, including over local WTPNC organizations, if any.

Section 2. Composition

The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the Party Officers, which is currently a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

Section 3. Election

Except for the Initial Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall be elected every two years in even-numbered years at a State Convention.

Section 4. Qualifications

Each member of the Executive Committee must maintain membership with the Party as defined herein. Executive Committee members must not be registered with the State of North Carolina with any political party other than We the People (once WTPNC is an option in North Carolina).

Section 5. Term

The term of the Executive Committee, except for the Initial Executive Committee, shall run for two years, expiring at the end of the State Convention two years from the State Convention at which they were elected. The Executive Committee may appoint new members, if vacancies or suspensions occur, such members to complete the term of the position vacated. The Initial Executive Committee shall serve from the adjournment of the Inaugural State Convention until the adjournment of the next State Convention.

Section 6. Quorum

A three-fifth (3/5) majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings (whether in person or online).

Article VII. Committees

Working Committees

There shall be such working committees appointed by the Chair as the Executive Committee deems
Article VIII. Meetings

Section 1. Notification

The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by call of the Chair, or by written request of three-fifths (3/5) or more of the Executive Committee. The Secretary will send written notification, either electronically or by surface mail, of the time and place of all meetings to each member of the Executive Committee not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. Transaction of Official Business

1. The Executive Committee may transact business by electronic mail, or other electronic means, or postal mail. Once a motion is recognized by the Chair, and seconded by another member, the motion can be discussed and voted on electronically, or by mail. The Chair shall establish procedures for taking the votes. The Secretary shall record the votes.

2. Members may abstain from voting, either affirmatively or by inaction. Affirmative abstentions count toward the required quorum defined in Article V, Section 8; abstentions via inaction do not.

3. If, at the expiration of the applicable period, the quorum of the Executive Committee has not returned their votes, the measure being voted on shall be deemed to have failed. In all other cases, majority of the votes required shall carry the measure except where a higher vote is required by the Bylaws.

4. If no quorum is secured for two (2) consecutive properly noticed meetings, the Chair may act unilaterally to transact business. Such business decisions shall be voted upon in the next Executive Committee meeting where a quorum is secured.

Article IX. Local Organization

WTPNC may recognize local affiliate organizations as determined by the Executive Committee (e.g., county affiliates, precinct affiliates, etc.).

Article X. Convention & Platform

Section 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Bylaws the term “Convention” is defined as, a gathering of the body of such Members of the Party as shall choose to participate in the WTPNC State Convention, irrespective of physical location. This shall include either solely physical presence in a single location, or solely remote presence via virtual technology in its entirety, or any other combination thereof, as the WTPNC Executive Committee shall determine is appropriate. A quorum shall be forty percent (40%) of the total number of delegates registered and checked in at any point during the Convention. Delegates for Inaugural State Convention shall be determined by State Chair.
Section 2. Convening

The Party shall hold an annual State Convention to conduct such business as may properly come before it and in conformance with the Bylaws. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to set the time, place, and schedule of events for the State Convention. The time and place of the State Convention shall be announced to the Members by all the means by which the Party regularly communicates with the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention.

Section 3. Delegates

Process for Delegates shall be determined by Executive Committee.

Section 4. Speaking

Any Member may seek recognition to speak at the State Convention, however they shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Further, the presiding Party Officer of the State Convention shall have the authority to limit discussion if any topic to thirty (30) before calling for a vote. Nominations may not be made from State Convention floor.

Section 7. Platform

The Party platform, as adopted by vote at the State Convention, shall consist of a number of planks as set forth in the Statement of Core Values, which state the Party position on specific state and national issues. Except as altered or amended by the State Convention, in accordance with its rules, the current platform shall endure.

Section 8. Presidential Electors

1. For the 2024 presidential election, the Chair shall choose a slate of nominees for Presidential Electors under applicable N.C. General Statutes. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall choose a slate of nominees for Presidential Electors in presidential election years under applicable N.C. General Statutes.

2. Only Party Members shall be eligible to serve as Presidential Elector nominees.

Section 9. Results of the Convention

The Secretary or designee shall be responsible for recording actions taken by the Convention and producing a new version of the Bylaws, State Convention rules, Statement of Core Values, etc. when changes have been made.

Article XI. Candidates

Section 1. Presidential and Vice-Presidential Nominees

The Executive Committee will endorse a candidate for President and Vice President by majority vote. Pursuant to the relevant statutes of the State of North Carolina, the WTPNC Executive Committee shall submit to the State Board of Elections the names of the nominees for President and Vice President of the United States and shall appoint and submit the names of Presidential Electors
committed to those nominees. Notwithstanding the above, in the case that the Executive Committee has affiliated with a WTP National Party then the Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees of the WTP National Party, provided the WTCNC sends delegates permitted to vote, shall be the WTPNC's nominee.

Section 2. Other Candidates

The Executive Committee will determine the process for candidates for any statewide or local offices. All candidates nominated for partisan office in any year must be members of the Party, as defined herein.

Article XII. Parliamentary Authority

The Democratic Rules of Order (Francis & Francis, 10th ed.) shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Bylaws. The rules of procedure may be suspended for a specific purpose, if approved by Executive Committee.

Article XIII. Amendments

The Executive Committee can enact temporary Bylaw amendments throughout the course of the Party's fiscal year (from annual State Convention to the next annual State Convention), by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all delegates present and voting at a State Convention, provided a quorum is present, or by a referendum (a special election called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee).

Article XIV. Severability Clause

If a court of competent jurisdiction does adjudge to be invalid or unconstitutional any portion of these Bylaws, such judgment or decree will not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder of these Bylaws. The effect of such judgment will be confined to the portion of these Bylaws so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional. If any portion of these Bylaws is in conflict with any laws of the State of North Carolina or of the United States of America, now or as a result of future, then these Bylaws will be considered to be automatically amended to conform with the law.

-Certified and ratified by the Initial Officers of We the People of North Carolina as the true and correct copy of our Bylaws on the 27th Day of May, Two-Thousand and Twenty-Four in the city of North Carolina in Convention Assembled.

Ceara Riley
Chair, We the People

DATE 5/28/2024