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Good Afternoon Zvia

This is to advise that today I have received two nominations for independent candidacy for the HoR in the Division of Charlton.

In both cases I had to accept and receipt deposits as the candidates could not wait for their forms to be checked. I very clearly advised before a witness that receipt of the fee did not confirm acceptance of the nomination, and that acceptance was dependant on their being 100 unique and eligible nominators.

I further advise that I believe I should reject both nominations.

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2. Mr Arjay Martin –

Mr Martin's form contains the signatures of 99 electors entitled to vote for a Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Charlton. The search of staff, including all DROs onsite, has been exhaustive, but has failed to reach the required 100 eligible signatures.

There was one possibility we pursued that may have provided an additional eligible nominator. However, after intensive research I do not believe, on balance, that there is sufficient evidence that an elector of the same name and slightly different date of birth, who is currently enrolled at a different address in the same suburb, is the same person who signed the nomination form. I have examined an old EF to compare handwriting and signatures, and even telephoned the phone number given on the 13 year old EF of this person, in an effort to find him and receive verification or otherwise. This was to no avail, as I was told I had the wrong number.

Mr Arjay Martin's nomination in 2010 for the Division of Shortland was rejected on the basis of too few nominators. Mr Martin attended at 11.57 in 2010 to nominate. He attended at 11.59 today.

Please phone if you wish to discuss

Regards

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