



NO LABELS KANSAS PARTY

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LAWRENCE - David G. Miller, Chairman of No Labels Kansas (NLK) party, expressed frustration today over Secretary of State Scott Schwab's failure to respond to a simple procedural inquiry requiring an answer so that NLK may participate in this year's elections.

"As the filing deadline rapidly approaches, we are committed to abiding completely and precisely with Kansas law, Miller said, referencing KSA 25-302, which requires parties not yet qualified to hold primary elections to file their candidates using certificates of nomination.

Individuals who file for office under one of the two currently dominant parties or run as independent candidates are provided with filing forms by the Secretary of State that comply with statutory requirements. But parties governed by KSA 25-302 are not provided with state-issued and approved forms. Instead, it is left up to those parties to develop and present certificates of nomination to be submitted, accepted, and approved by the Secretary of State.

"We have submitted a draft certificate of nomination for review and approval by the Secretary's Director of Elections. With the filing deadline looming, we have simply asked for guidance from the Secretary of State's office regarding the form and substance of that certificate so we may file our nominees without concern that they will be barred from ballot access based on some minor flaw or technicality," said Miller. "That would, of course, disenfranchise the thousands of Kansans who now identify as No Labels Kansas voters as well as deny more than 2 million registered Kansas voters additional choices on their ballots this Fall."

Miller continued, "With just three weeks until the filing deadline, we haven't even received an acknowledgement of our request for review of our certificate of nomination, let alone a decision regarding its adequacy and compliance with applicable statutes. We are asking Secretary Schwab to either review and approve our certificate of nomination or suggest edits to it so that, when we begin filing candidates, there will be no hiccups or obstacles to our ability to do so. We need a prompt answer from the Secretary of State."

No Labels Kansas is the fastest growing political party in Kansas, garnering a 16% increase in registrants since last year's general election while, during the same period, the state's currently dominant parties both saw their enrollment numbers decline. Miller concluded, "We recognize what a growing number of Kansans are increasingly frustrated with the choices being offered by the state's currently dominant parties and are offering a fresh new alternative to those voters."

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