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Political party does not qualify for inclusion on November ballot

LINCOLN – The effort by a political party to be included in the general election in Nebraska has failed. The Tax Wall Street Party did not gather enough valid signatures to petition onto the ballot, according to Secretary of State John Gale.

Organizers reported turning in 5,679 signatures to the Secretary of State's office earlier this month. At least 4,880 valid signatures were needed. Gale said only 4,673 signatures were determined to be valid, meaning that the total number of signatures collected did not meet the necessary threshold.

Additionally, a certain number of signatures were required from each congressional district: 1,656 in District 1; 1,543 in District 2; and 1,681 in District 3. Gale said while enough signatures were collected in Districts 1 and 2, not enough valid signatures were collected in District 3.

"That is one of the statutory requirements for petitioning on the ballot as a new party. Signatures collected in each congressional district must total at least one percent of the votes cast for governor in the last gubernatorial race, which was in 2010."

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