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DECISION

Protest I-08-2024 (campaigning
on paid time)

By email dated September 20, 2024, Steve Higgins filed a protest alleging that Andrews Williams, a candidate on the Cordero Slate, was collecting signatures during work time at 3:30 PM on September 19 at the Liberty Aven-76th St station. His work schedule was until 4:00 PM. The Protester presented one witness who stated that someone was collecting signatures at that location at that time, but he was not able to confidently identify that person as Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams responded generally that he only collected signatures on his RDOs or off duty time. He did not respond to my further inquiry about the date/time in question.

Election Rules VI(E)(5) states, "No candidate or other member may campaign for her/himself or for any other candidate during time that is paid for by the Local Union or by any employer." The Protester has the burden of proving the allegations. I find that the Protester has not provided sufficient evidence to prove that Mr. Williams was campaigning on time paid for by the Transit Authority.

Protest denied.

In accordance with the International Constitution and the Election Rules, any interested party unsatisfied with this determination may appeal to the Transport Workers Union of America Committee on Appeals. Any appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article IV(B)(9) of the Election Rules and Article XXII of the International Constitution for the appeal to the

International from decisions of Local Unions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara C. Deinhardt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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