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November 9, 2018

Mr. Jon Morgan,
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BLC 2018-5

Re: Ballot Law Commission Complaint

Via Electronic Communication and U.S. Mail

Dear Mr. Morgan,

I serve as Chairman of the New Hampshire Ballot Law Commission. In that connection, enclosed with this letter is a communication which the Commission received, care of the Office of the Secretary of State, on November 2, 2018.

You are receiving a copy of the communication since it involves your candidacy for office. You are entitled to respond to it by providing whatever written response and materials you wish to provide. Please provide any written materials, addressed to the Commission, c/o the New Hampshire Secretary of State, State House Rm. 204, 107 N. Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301. By providing this material to you, I want to stress that such action does not reflect any opinion of the Commission as to the validity or invalidity of the assertions in the letter.

The Commission is holding hearings on all matters arising from the 2018 General Election, at the Legislative Office Building in Concord, on November 26, at 10:00 a.m. It is my expectation that the Commission will take up this matter at that time.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone.

Sincerely,



Bradford E. Cook

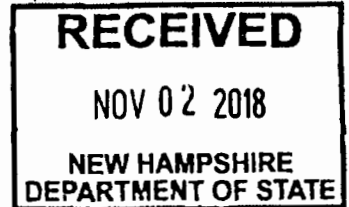
Chairman, New Hampshire Ballot Law Commission

Cc: Office of the N.H. Secretary of State

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BY HAND

November 2, 2018

Honorable William Gardner
Secretary of State
State of New Hampshire
State House, Room 204
107 North Main Street
Concord, N.H. 03301

Re: Complaint. Jonathan Morgan, RSA 655:7

Mr. Secretary,

Jon(athan) Morgan, Democrat Candidate for Senate District 23, stated at an October 29, 2018 campaign event in Brentwood, NH that he has lived in Brentwood, NH for "about 6 and one half years (42:38 in the attached video)", not the 7 years as clearly required by RSA 655:7. At 1:24:09, he was questioned as to whether he voted in the 2012 presidential election, Candidate Morgan called it a "gotcha question" and stated he "does not remember" whether he voted; a follow-up question asked whether he was "qualified" to run as a candidate for NH Senate, Candidate Morgan did not answer, instead he simply "thanked" the man for his question.

Not unlike the case of Republican state Senate candidate Don Winterton in 2016, Mr. Morgan stated he cannot remember whether he voted in New Hampshire in 2012. His candidate webpage states that following graduation from college, he took a job in Washington, DC; spent two years in Africa; and "Upon our return, I completed a MBA" at the University of North Carolina which his LinkedIn account notes took place between 2013-2015.

A request has been to sources in the Commonwealth of Virginia to determine whether he voted in that state. That information is quickly forthcoming. However, in order to eliminate the necessity of having a special election should an unqualified candidate be elected, based on Candidate Morgan's public admissions, I believe the Ballot Law commission needs to be immediately convened to establish the validity of Candidate Morgan's qualification to run for NH State Senate District.

Respectfully,

Susan Olsen

