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NOTICE OF HEARING

*In re: Challenge to Primary Nomination Petition of David Corbett, Republican
Candidate for York County Sheriff*

Dear Mr. Pellerin, Ms. Sampson, and Mr. Corbett,

The Secretary of State's Office received written challenges from Brian Pellerin and Heidi Sampson to the nomination petitions of David Corbett as a candidate for the Republican Party nomination for York County Sherriff, before 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2026. The challenges were timely filed under 21-A M.R.S. § 337(2)(A). Notice is being provided to Mr. Corbett as the candidate.

A consolidated hearing for both challenges will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 2026, in Room 400 at the Burton Cross Office Building at 111 Sewall St. (4th Floor), Augusta, Maine. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with 21-A M.R.S. §337 and the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S. §9051 et seq. Director of Elections Heidi Peckham will serve as the Presiding Officer at the Hearing, and Assistant Attorney General Jon Bolton will assist as legal counsel. Evidence will be heard relating to the allegations set forth in the written challenges (attached), summarized as follows:

Mr. Corbett has no recorded history of holding a supervisory position as required by 30-A M.R.S. §371-B (3)(E).

The challengers have the burden of providing sufficient evidence to invalidate the petition. 21-A M.R.S. §337(2)(B). At the hearing there will be an opportunity for the challengers and the candidate to present oral testimony of witnesses as well as additional documentary evidence, and to make oral arguments pertaining to the challenge in light of that evidence. Written affidavits from witnesses will

not be accepted as evidence in this matter unless those witnesses are available for cross-examination, pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §9057(5). Witnesses will be permitted to appear by video conference if they are not otherwise available to attend the hearing.

The parties shall exchange and file by email with the Secretary of State's Office lists of expected exhibits and witnesses no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. The parties are also encouraged to exchange information in advance of the hearing.

If you wish to request this office to issue a subpoena for the attendance of any witness pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 9060(1), or if you do not plan to attend the hearing, please notify us as soon as possible. Please also let us know if you will need copies of any public records within the custody of the Elections Division for the hearing.

Any person seeking to intervene in this matter shall file a written request with the Secretary of State Elections Office to CEC.Elections@maine.gov, copying the parties, no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 9053(3), a party's failure to take action required by this letter, or to appear at the hearing, may be grounds for dismissal of that party's challenge by default.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie H. Flynn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Flynn
Deputy Secretary of State for Corporations, Elections, and Commissions