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CARL J. KRAUS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MONTCLAIR BOARD OF
EDUCATION and ESSEX COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS,

Defendants.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION: ESSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO.:**

FINAL ORDER

This matter being opened to the Court by Weiner Law Group LLP, attorneys for plaintiff Carl J. Kraus (Stephen Edelstein, Esq, appearing) on notice to Defendants Montclair Board of Education and Essex County Board of Elections (counsel appearing to be noted) seeking relief by way of final restraints based upon the facts set forth in the Verified Complaint; and the Court having considered the papers submitted by all parties, as well as the arguments of counsel, and good cause having been shown for the entry of this Order;

IT IS ON TIDS 2nd day of December, 2025,

ORDERED that Plaintiffs application for immediate and permanent relief is **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that two referendum questions approved by Defendant Montclair Board of Education on October 7, 2025 and scheduled for submission to the voters of the Township of Montclair at the December 9, 2025 special election are hereby declared invalid and unlawful

and the election is cancelled; and it is further

ORDERED that Defendant Essex County Board of Elections is hereby **ENJOINED** and **RESTRAINED** from:

- a) counting, tabulating, or processing any ballots cast concerning the two referendum questions;
- b) certifying any results relating to the two questions; and
- c) taking any action that would give legal effect to the referendum results; and it is further

ORDERED that counsel for Plaintiff shall serve a copy of this Order on counsel for [^] /parties Defendants ~~by email~~ within seven (7) days of the date hereof, per the Rules of Court.

For the reasons stated on the record on December 2, 2025.

15/ Hon. Robert H. Gardner, J.S.C.
Hon. Robert H. Gardner , J.S.C.

Opposed

Unopposed