

**LET THE CITIZEN KNOW**

**19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

**ADDRESS DELIVERED BY MRS. JEAN MENSA,**  
**CHAIRPERSON OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION,**  
**ON DECLARATION OF RESULTS FROM THE FILING OF NOMINATIONS**  
**BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**  
**FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS**  
**ON MONDAY THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER, 2020 AT 4:00 PM**

Good afternoon citizens of Ghana and our friends from the media. We thank the good Lord for this day. His Grace and Mercy has brought us this far and will lead us to peaceful, credible, transparent and fair elections December, 2020 in Jesus' mighty Name.

On behalf of the Commission, I welcome you to today's ***Let the Citizen Know***. Today's encounter is aimed at updating the public on the just ended Filing of Nominations by Presidential Aspirants who wish to contest the December 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 Elections.

As I emphasized during the week long process, this is one of the most critical activities in the lead up to the December 2020 Elections, without which, the Commission cannot run the Elections.

As a result we designated Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, for this important process. We thank all our Stakeholders for their cooperation

with the Electoral Commission. It is worth noting that most of the Candidates who filed their nominations, presented themselves in a courteous and civil manner. In a nutshell, we achieved our objective of ensuring a peaceful, seamless and productive exercise.

It has been this Commission's resolve to provide regular and comprehensive updates at every stage of the electoral process. Therefore having completed the process of receiving, reviewing and scrutinizing the Nomination Forms and documents from Presidential Aspirants allow me to update you accordingly.

To enhance and ensure a transparent, credible, fair, peaceful and yet accountable electoral process and election in 2020, the Commission continues to develop innovations to ensure that we carry citizens along in all our processes. This transparency was evident throughout the Registration and Exhibition Exercises and indeed throughout the week long Nomination Process. As a Commission, we intend to be open and transparent in all our processes and keep you our distinguished stakeholders informed in a timely manner as we inch towards December, 2020.

This year, the Commission made the Nomination Forms to aspiring Presidential and Parliamentary Candidates available online. This helped ease the burden of travelling to the Commission to pick up the Forms and eliminated over-crowding at the Commission's offices, thereby curbing the spread of the COVID 19 virus.

The Commission also developed a detailed Checklist that embodied the criteria to be satisfied by Presidential Candidates as prescribed by law. This template guided the scoring and awarding of marks by teams established by the Commission to review the Nomination Forms submitted.

Moreover, four (4) weeks in advance Nomination Forms were made available on our website. Each political party or designated representative was given a unique code to access the Nomination Forms. This eliminated the incidence of multiple Candidates of the same Political Party filing nominations for the same position.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

This year, the Commission set up two (2) teams which were tasked to review all the Forms submitted.

The technical team scrutinised the forms submitted to ensure that Aspirants satisfied the qualifications as set out in the law such as the; age requirements, fulfilment of tax obligations among others etc. The IT Team reviewed forms to ensure that the Identity Cards of the Candidates and supporters were valid.

We are confident that both teams have been thorough and yet fair in their work

Yet another welcome innovation was the five (5)-day period provided for the filing process as opposed to the two (2) days provided in previous nomination processes. This allowed enough time for Aspirants to correct any errors identified in their Forms.

All in all these innovations helped eliminate the confusion and tension that characterised previous nomination processes.

As noted in our last ***Let The Citizen Know*** Seventeen (17) Presidential Aspirants filed their nominations to contest the December 7, Presidential Election.

The Commission is happy to note that for the first time in our nation's history, three (3) women put themselves up for nomination for the position of Presidential Candidate. This is a testament to the growth of our democratic space.

Now to the reason why we are here. At the end of a thorough review process, I have the honour to present to you the Presidential Candidates who have qualified to contest the 2020 Presidential Elections.

## **CANDIDATES CLEARED TO CONTEST IN THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

1. Alfred Kwame Asiedu Walker, Independent Candidate
2. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (New Patriotic Party)
3. Christian Kwabena Andrews (Ghana Union Movement)
4. Brigitte Akosua Dzogbenuku (Progressive Peoples Party)
5. John Dramani Mahama (National Democratic Congress)
6. Akua Donkor (Ghana Freedom Party)
7. Nana Konadu Agyeman Rawlings (National Democratic Party)
8. Hassan Ayariga (All People's Congress)
9. Ivor Kobina Greenstreet (Convention People's Party)
10. Henry Herbert Lartey (Great Consolidated People's Party)
11. Percival Kofi Akpaloo (Liberal Party Ghana)
12. David Asibi Ayindenaba Apasera. (People's National Congress)

## CANDIDATES DISQUALIFICATION AND FURTHER REFERRAL TO THE POLICE FOR PROSECUTION ON THE GROUNDS OF FORGERY

1. Kofi Koranteng (Independent Candidate)
2. Mauvrich Kofi Gane (Independent Candidate)
3. Akwasi Addai Odiwe (United Progressive Party)
4. Kwasi Busumbru (People's Action Party)
5. Nana Agyenim Boateng (United Front Party)

### FINDINGS

NO.	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
1	Mr. Alfred Kwame Asiedu Walker	There were no IT issues	One person supported both Abuakwa North and Birim North districts.  Incorrect Voter I.D. numbers of two supporters.	The technical issues were resolved within the nomination period.  Candidate is therefore responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.

## FINDINGS conts.

NO.	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
2	H/E Nana Addo Dankwah Akufo-Addo (NPP)	There were no IT issues	Candidate satisfied all requirements	Candidate is responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.
3	Mr. Christian Kwabena Andrews (GUM)	There were no IT issues	Two supporters endorsed the forms twice for the same districts.	The technical issues were resolved within the nomination period.  Candidate is therefore responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.

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N O.	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
4	Brigitte Akosua Dzogbenuku (PPP)	There were no IT issues	Candidate satisfied all requirements	Candidate is responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.
5	H/E John Dramani Mahama (NDC)	There were no IT issues	Candidate satisfied all requirements	Candidate is responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.

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NO.	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
6	Madam Akua Donkor (GFP)	There were no IT issues	Repeated the Voter I. D. nos of the first supporters for some second supporters such as: 1. Abampanga Esther (Biakoye) 2. Mark Abariga (Bawku) 3. Kumi Abdul Razak (Asutifi South) 4. Abdulai Maman (Hohoe) 5. Rahmatu Abdul-Rahim (Mion)	The technical issues were resolved within the nomination period.  Candidate is therefore responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.
7	Mrs. Nana Konadu Agyemang Rawlings (NDP)	There were no IT issues	Four of the supporters were found not to be registered voters in the district that they signed for.	The technical issues were resolved within the nomination period.  Candidate is responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.

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NO.	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
8	Mr. Kofi Koranteng	There were no IT issues	Nineteen (19) persons who had allegedly supported the Candidate were found to be CPP executives who had also supported the CPP candidate.  Some of these persons were called to ascertain the veracity of their endorsements. All the persons called denied having endorsed the Candidate.  The EC forwarded the signatures to the CID Division of the Ghana Police Service.	CPP has officially written to the Commission about the issue.  The technical issue is more of forgery. The signatures are fake.  The candidate admitted the offence when confronted.  Candidate is therefore not responsive to nomination requirements.  The CID confirmed that the signatures were forged.	Candidate Disqualified.  Additionally, candidate will be reported to the Police for further action.

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NO	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
9	Mr. Hassan Ayariga (APC)	There were no IT issues	Candidate satisfied all requirements	Candidate is responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.
10	Mr. Ivor Kobina Greenstreet (CPP)	There were no IT issues	Nineteen (19) of the candidate's supporters were also on the nomination forms of Mr. Kofi Koranteng, an independent candidate as supporters	The candidate officially wrote to the Commission about the issue, and presented his party's executive photo album to confirm that the said supporters are CPP executives.  Candidate is therefore responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.

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NO.	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
11	Mr. Henry Herbert Larley (GCPP)	There were no IT issues	Candidate satisfied all requirements	Candidate is responsive to nomination requirements	Cleared.
12	Mr. Mavricke Kofi Gane	There were no IT issues	The Committee suspected the possibility of fraudulent signatures of some supporters.  The handwritings, and signatures of different supporters follow the same identical pattern.  The Commission therefore referred the matter to the CID for further investigations.	Candidate is therefore not responsive to nomination requirements  The CID division confirmed that some of the signatures were forged	Candidate disqualified.  Additionally, candidate will be reported to the Police for further action.



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NO	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
13	Mr. Akwasi Addae Odike (UPP)	There were no IT issues	<p>The handwritings, and signatures of different supporters followed the same identical pattern.</p> <p>The Commission therefore referred the matter to the CID for further investigations.</p>	<p>Candidate is therefore not responsive to nomination requirements.</p> <p>The CID division of the Ghana Police Service confirmed that the signatures were forged</p>	<p>Candidate disqualified.</p> <p>Additionally, candidate should be reported to the Police for further action.</p>

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N O.	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
14	Mr. Kwasi Busumbru (PAP)	There were no IT issues	<p>Candidate failed to provide supporters for some districts in the Greater Accra region (Ga East, Ayawaso West, Okaikoi South) See page 31 of Nomination Form.</p> <p>Incomplete data of some supporters. See page 72.</p> <p>Some of the supporting voters are not registered voters in the area of authority of the district assembly to which they endorsed for. Such as Adam Ishawu (Tamale), Adam Mohammed Awal (Tamale), Kye Kwame (Hemang Lower Denkyira), Kotei Jemima (Akwapim South), Richmond Dickson (Ahanta West), Annor Frank (Bosomtwe), Lanyo Enoch (Adansi North), Stephen Agbeku (Adansi North), Mensah Livingstone (Ga South), Amemowoto Philip Edem (Ga South), Quansah Betty (Weija-Gbawe), Kodwin Mary (Weija-Gbawe), Saaka Raymond Andivi (Ga Central), Lartey Eric Otoo (Ga North), Odotei Godfred (Ga North), Denkyen Issaka (Ga West), Usman Ariya (Ayawaso North), Clottey Emmanuel (Ayawaso North), Obenewaa Sarah (Ayawaso Central), Asiedu Kwaku (Ayawaso West), etc.</p> <p>Signatures for same persons on the four forms are different (Ashanti and North East regions).</p>	<p>Candidate is given the opportunity to correct the errors but he re-submitted without effecting same.</p> <p>Candidate is therefore not responsive to nomination requirements.</p> <p>The CID confirmed that the signatures were forged</p>	<p>Candidate disqualified.</p> <p>Additionally, candidate will be reported to the Police for further action.</p>

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NO.	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
15	Mr. Nana Agyenim Boateng (UFP)	There were no IT issues	<p>Three (3) of the persons who allegedly supported the candidate's nomination namely; Samuel Kwame Borlu (3401013017- NDC Constituency Chairman, Shama), James Kow Ackon (3415000296-NDC Constituency Executive Member, Wassa East) and George Bamfo (3420000065-immediate past Chairman of NDC, Wassa East Constituency) have denied endorsing candidate's nomination. See page 6 of the Nomination Forms.</p> <p>The Commission referred the matter to the CID for further investigations.</p>	<p>Candidate is therefore not responsive to nomination requirements.</p> <p>The CID confirmed that the signatures were forged</p>	<p>Candidate disqualified.</p> <p>Additionally, candidate will be reported to the Police for further action.</p>

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NO.	NAME OF PARTY/CANDIDATE	IT ISSUES	TECHNICAL ISSUES	REMARKS	DECISION
16	Mr. Percival Kofi Akpaloo (LPG)	There were no IT issues	<p>Some of the supporting voters were not registered voters in the area of authority of the district assembly to which they endorsed for. Examples are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anthony Mensah with Voter I.D. no. 3391021173, a registered voter at Essikado-Ketan signed as supporter for Shama district.</li> <li>2. Obese Samuel and Awintoma Jacob with Voter I. D. no. 3436013523 and 3436019833 respectively, registered voters at Tarkwa Nsuaem signed as supporters for Wassa East District.</li> </ol>	<p>The candidate resolved the technical issues within the nomination period.</p> <p>Candidate is therefore responsive to nomination requirements.</p>	Cleared.
17	Mr. David Asibi Ayinden aba Apasera (PNC)	There were no IT issues	<p>Some of the supporting voters were not registered voters in the area of authority of the district assembly to which they endorsed for.</p>	<p>The candidate resolved the technical issues within the nomination period.</p> <p>Candidate is therefore responsive to nomination requirements.</p>	Cleared.

Distinguished citizens, these are your Presidential Candidates for the 2020 Presidential Elections.

As we have emphasized time and time again, the Commission remains committed to conducting free, fair, credible, transparent and peaceful election. We entreat you our dear citizens to disregard any allegations of rigging and assertions of a flawed electoral process and election by any individual or section of our society. The transparency of our processes should give confidence to the citizenry that the Electoral Commission cannot rig an election. For the benefit of those who are not informed about our processes, every aspect of our Electoral process is monitored by the Political Parties. Right from Registration to the Election Day our Political Parties police and monitor all our processes.

Here, permit me to briefly summarize our processes:

- Gazetted Registration, Exhibition and Voting Centres provided to Political Parties
- Registration - 21 days notice provided to Political Parties. Agents monitor the entire process
- Exhibition - Provisional Register given to all Political Parties
- Political Parties provided with final Register
- Printing of Ballots – Political Parties monitor this process in its entirety
- Ballots statistics – Provided to Political Parties
- Ballots are sealed and seal numbers given to Political Parties.
- Political Parties accompany ballots to Police Armories throughout the country and keep watch at armories until election day.

- Election Day – Process is open and transparent, conducted under broad day light
  - Voting is done in open spaces
  - Political Party agents monitor processes and do a count of persons who vote.
  - Counting of ballots is done in the full glare of Political Party Agents, the media and interested public.
  - Results are then documented on pink sheets and signed by Party agents.
  - Pink sheets / Results, Collation sheets are posted at all Polling Stations across the country.
  - After all this the Pink Sheets are then sent to the Head Office of the Electoral Commission
  - At the National Collation Centre, Party agents inspect the signed Pink Sheets that come in from Regions and Constituencies before they are certified by the Electoral Commission.

Can someone tell us at which point of this transparent process, the Electoral Commission can rig the election? We use this platform to call all Political Parties and stakeholders who have genuine concerns, to raise them up in the full glare of the public. Once we are informed about the weaknesses and gaps in the process outlined, we will take immediate steps to address and close all the gaps and report same to the public in a transparent, open and accountable manner. Until then we entreat the naysayers to cease their onslaught of trying to discredit

a thorough and credible electoral process and a Commission which has been open and transparent in all its dealings. If for nothing at all, the current Commission has opened up all its processes to the public and removed the cloaks of secrecy that shrouded its activities and operations. We have laid bare our processes for all to see.

Today the number of persons who registered by District, Region as well as the sex and age is known to any interested citizen. It is no longer secret

Again the challenges encountered during the Exhibition Exercise were discussed openly by the Commission, solved in a timely manner and reported upon promptly. Constituencies such as Ashaiman which had some gaps in data have all their issues resolved. Just last week, we opened our doors to enable citizens observe the filing of Nominations by Aspiring Presidential Candidates. Through our media partners we have brought our processes and operations to every home. We have been transparent in all our dealings and intend to remain so.

As we head towards the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, we urge all of you Distinguished citizens to work with us to strengthen and uphold the integrity of our systems and the Commission as a whole. Our doors remain open. We assure our stakeholders that we are receptive to constructive feedback and advice. Indeed the feedback and advice from well-meaning Ghanaians has helped enrich our work and enabled us to serve you better.

Before we close the curtains to our ***Let the Citizens know*** encounter today, we wish all the qualifying Candidates the best of luck in their bid to ascend the high office of the Presidency.

We urge you all to engage in a decent campaign – a campaign based on policies and programs that will lead to the betterment of our society. As referees, our role is to arrange and organize orderly, fair, transparent, peaceful and credible election. We assure you that we are working to do just that.

We do not have the power to determine who wins the elections. It is not in our control to determine the outcome of the election. That power lies with the good people of our dear country. The citizens and the citizens alone can determine who should lead them – Not the Electoral Commission.

It is the Candidate who is given power to lead this country by the citizens who will be declared President of the Republic of Ghana by the Electoral Commission come the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020.

Thankfully the Electoral Commission has institutionalised a fair, open, transparent and accountable process to guide the declaration of the results.

To the aspiring Presidential Candidates who did not make this process, we wish you better luck next time. Your filing fees of One Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis (GHC100,000) will be refunded to you.

To you our Distinguished citizens, we thank you for believing in us and walking this journey with us. We pledge that we will conduct ourselves in truth and integrity and organize fair, credible, transparent and peaceful election come 7th

December, 2020. We will not let you down. On your part we charge you to uphold and defend the good name of Ghana and her institutions. So help us God.

May God bless our Homeland Ghana and make our Nation great and strong.  
Let Peace Reign.

**MRS. JEAN MENSA**

**CHAIRPERSON**