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Riverside, CA – The Riverside County Democratic Party is calling on Republican Assembly candidate Bill Essayli to halt his campaign’s attempt to disenfranchise voters.

Essayli’s campaign recently threatened to file a lawsuit last weekend to stop the counting of all ballots in Riverside County. To date, Essayli and his campaign operatives have challenged the signatures on over 130 ballots in an effort to convince elections officials to disqualify registered voters who cast their mail ballot legally and on time.

In response to the release of a signature challenge tabulation report yesterday, Riverside County Democratic Party Chair Tisa Rodriguez released the following statement:

“We are calling on Bill Essayli to immediately cease his voter suppression campaign. Essayli’s behavior since the election is an affront to the voters of Riverside County, and his rhetoric around so-called “election integrity measures” mirrors the same conspiratorial and baseless claims made by his idol, President Donald Trump. Essayli’s diminishing vote count has nothing to do with voter fraud. It has everything to do with his blind loyalty to the Trump Agenda, and his campaign’s failure to articulate any sort of positive vision for what he had hoped to accomplish in office.”

Candidate	Number of Ballots Challenged 11/12/18 - 11/14/18
Bill Essayli	132
Sabrina Cervantes	0
All other candidates for office in Riverside County combined	0

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