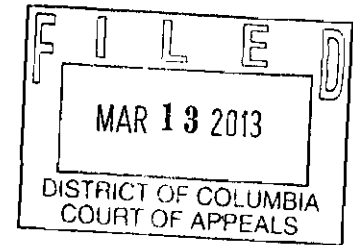


**District of Columbia
Court of Appeals**



No. 12-AA-1906

MONTGOMERY BLAIR SIBLEY,
Petitioner,
v.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS,
Respondent.

BEFORE: Thompson, Associate Judge, and Terry and Reid, Senior Judges.

ORDER

On consideration of the petition for review wherein petitioner also requests oral argument, respondent's motion to dismiss, petitioner's motion to file the lodged opposition, and the lodged opposition, it is

ORDERED that petitioner's motion to file the lodged opposition is granted and the Clerk shall file the lodged opposition. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that respondent's motion to dismiss is granted. Any issues raised in the petition for review are now moot as the Electoral College previously met and President Obama received a majority of the votes. *See Thorn v. Walker*, 912 A.2d 1192, 1195 (D.C. 2006) ("[I]t is well-settled that, while an appeal is pending, an event that renders relief impossible or unnecessary also renders that appeal moot." (quotation marks and citation omitted)). Regardless, petitioner challenges respondent's alleged certification of President Obama as the winner of the 2012 Presidential Election, but respondent did not make any such certification. Instead, respondent certified the Electors as the winners of the election, who then voted as part of the Electoral College. *See* U.S. Const. art. II, § 1 (setting forth the manner in which the Electoral College operates and elects the President of the United States); D.C. Code §§ 1-1001.08 & 10 (a)(2) (2011 & Supp. 2012) (addressing the statutory qualifications for the District's Electors, how the Electors are appointed, and how they must vote in the Electoral College); *see also* 3 U.S.C.A. § 15 (West 2012) (providing a mechanism for members of Congress to object to electoral votes after they are cast). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner's motion for oral argument is denied as moot.

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