BEFORE THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

(Through Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan)

REPRESENTATION UNDER SECTION 21(3) FOR ADMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY NUMBER 31 PESHAWAR-V AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES OF DISTRICT PESHAWAR IN PARTICULAR THE PROPOSED CONSTITUENCY NA-30 PESHAWAR IV, NA 27 PESHAWAR I AND NA-28 PESHAWAR II AS PUBLISHED IN THE DRAFT LIST OF PROPOSED CONSTITUENCIES

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#### Respectfully Sheweth;

Essential facts necessitating this representation are:

#### **FACTS:**

- That applicant is permanent resident of Peshawar bearing CNIC number 17301-1328366-7 and is enrolled as voter (VOTE No. 142, BOOK No. 037120401) in the proposed National Assembly constituency NA-31 Peshawar V, which was earlier national assembly constituency number one, NA-1 Peshawar I.
- 2. That being a registered voter of the constituency which includes old historical city of Peshawar as its heart, the applicant prefers this representation for amendment of the constituency by including the partially excluded area of the walled city which has been excluded in the draft list of constituency. The entire walled city has been part of a single constituency since 1970 in every delimitation.
- 3. **That** in the draft list of constituencies as numbered and published under Section 21 of the Election Act, 2017 read with Rule 10(7) and 11 of the Election rules the applicant (and in representative capacity for the voters of the Peshawar city list appended) prefers this representation on the following grounds:

#### **GROUNDS**

A. **Because** the old city of Peshawar is one geographic stretch. The walled city of Peshawar as it was called has a historical significance. The population that lived in the city has developed a distinct culture of its own that has a peculiar history of its own spread over centuries. The *Sikhs Raj* initially demarcated the boundaries of the old city and built mud-walls around the perimeter and constructed different

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gates for access to the city. During the British Raj the walls around the old city perimeter was constructed with hardened bricks. In view of the gates constructed on the perimeter wall, the city area is divided into three different areas

- a) The highest ground spread around Gor Khatri lies on the East of Channels with Karimpura to its north-west and Pipalmandi to the South-west.
- b) The other part of the city starts from Pipalmandi leading towards Ganj and Yakatooth gates. The channel near Chowk Yadgar separates this pre-Muslim city from Androon Sheher where Masjid Mohabbat Khan is located and adjacent to this lies the Mohalla of Dhaki Nalbandi.
- c) Third part of the city is the area of Kohati Darwaza channel to Qissa Khwani channel that lies at Jahangir pura.

This "walled city of Peshawar" area makes the heart of the national assembly constituency of Peshawar city. In the draft/preliminary delimitation of the constituency which is number NA-31 this historical city which is compact, homogenous in all aspects of linguistic, ethnographic and cultural features stands divided in awkward manner. Census Charge No. 10 which includes Lahor and Karimpura, Charge 11 which includes Ganj and Jehangirpura are made part of the proposed NA-31 while Charge No. 12 which includes the areas like Qissa Khawani, Andar Shehr, Jehangir Pura, Mohalla Jangi, Kochi Bazar, Marwiha No.1 and 2, Shah Qabool Colony, Namak mandi, Dabgari, Lakar Mandi, Mohalla Bhar, Bajawri Kalan, Ghori Khan, Bajuri Khurd, Jogan Shah, Mohalla Afridi Khan, Mohalla Nau, Mohalla Nau Dabgari, Assia, Quwat ul Islam, Dhandyan, Mohalla Moti, Ghari Mir Ahmad Shah. In this manner the old city of Peshawar is bifurcated/divided in a brazen manner without any regard to its historical significance, cultural and linguistic homogeneity and above all public convenience and communication facilities and compactness and inseparability of the area.

- B. **Because** the awkward manner of splitting the old city in two different constituencies is typical case of gerrymandering. Instead of moving in the clockwise zig-zag manner, and considering the geographic compactness, and the accessibility/road/routes, a candidate/elector has to pass from a different constituency to access the other part of the constituency.
- C. Because Census Charge 14 Census Circle 01 which includes Bairun Ganj Gate, Hashnaghar Colony, Chisti Abad, Chona Bhatti and Phandu road which is contiguous to and inseparable from the Walled city area, and with these characteristics always remained part of the former NA-1 constituency, (now draft/preliminary NA-31) has been made part of NA-28. Excluding this area lying

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deep inside the city and including it in the constituency which is largely a rural constituency of the district is unwarranted and unjustified.

- D. Because the population inhibiting in the Census circle No.01 of the Charge No. 15 is distinct from the other census circles in the Census Charge. Kohat Road is diving line of the proposed NA-30 and NA-31. On the opposite side of Kohat Road lies Kotla Mohsin Khan, Dheri Baghbanan and Landi Arbab areas inhibited by indigenous pashtun population and the same area didn't made part of the Peshawar city and was a suburb of the city. People inhibiting these areas are culturally and linguistically distinct from the people inhibiting the said Census circle No. 01. Population of the same census circle is culturally and linguistically homogeneous with the community in the proposed NA-31, and this important factor has not been considered while drawing up the constituencies.
- E. Because the exclusion of the above mentioned areas is against the rules and principles of the delimitation and has greatly violated the principle of geographical compactness of the areas as well as the homogeneity of the communities and has caused serious inconvenience to the public in the proposed NA-31. Carving out of Census Charge 15 Census circle No. 01 across the Kohat Road and Charge No. 12 which includes almost half of the old walled city of Peshawar is unjustified and amount to gerrymandering.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE IT IS PROPOSED THAT ON ACCEPTANCE OF THIS REPRESENTATION:

- A) CENSUS CHARGE NO. 12 AND CHARGE NO. 15 CENSUS CIRCLE NO. 01
  MAY KINDLY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE DRAFT /PRELIMINARY NA 30
  AND INCLUDED IN NA- 31
- B) CENSUS CHARGE 14 CENSUS CIRCLE 01 IN THE DRAFT/PRELIMINARY NA-28 MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROPOSED NA 28 AND BE INCLUDED IN THE PRELIMINARY/DRAFT NA-31
- C) CHARGE 7 CENSUS CIRCLES 13 AND 17 NOW INCLUDED IN THE PRELIMINARY/DRAFT NA-31 BE EXCLUDED AND MADE PART OF NA-27
- D) CHARGE 7 CENSUS CIRCLES 14, 15 AND 16 NOW INCLUDED IN THE PRELIMINARY/DRAFT NA-31 BE EXCLUDED AND INCLUDED IN DRAFT/PRELIMINARY NA-30

IN VIEW OF THIS THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES OF DISTRICT PESHAWAR MAY BE DELIMITED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

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## NA-27 PESHAWAR-I

BABU ZAI	32,410	
BUNYADI	10,614	
HARYANA PAYAN	38,851	
ISA KHEL HAMID	17,665	
KANKOLA	20,831	
KHAZANA	65,525	
LARAM	54,959	
ALI ZAI	16,091	
BARBAR	11,061	
CHAGHAR MATTI	19,336	
DAG	32,146	
GARAH TAJAK	12,959	
GARHI CHANDAN	22,921	
GARHI SHER DAD	18,138	
HARYANA BALA	25,449	
KAFOOR DHERI	39,831	
KANIZA	24,437	
LAKRI KANIZA	15,086	
MAMUN/KHATKI	11,464	
MATHRA	25,518	
MULA ZAI	24,008	
NAIMI	7,870	
PAJAGGI	71,770	
PANAM DHERI	18,423	
QILA SHAH BEG	23,546	
REGI UFTI ZAI	19,413	
SARKHANA	5,833	
SHAGHALI BALA	11,211	
SHAHI BALA	39,181	
SHIGGI BALA	10,546	
TAKHAT ABAD AWAL	19,124	
MAHAL SALO SHAQI HINOKIAN	18,672	
Palusi Muqadamzai	1801	
Palusi Attuzai	1202	
Palusi Talarzai	4019	
The following circles of Charge No.07 of Peshawar MC;		
Circle No.13	32,360	
Circle No.17	30,772	
TOTAL:	855,043	

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### NA-28 PESHAWAR-II

BUDHNI	11769
CHAMKANI	45247
DEH BAHADUR	12,135
DALAZAK	21,299
DAMAN AFGHANI	7,615
DAMAN HINDKI	37,034
GUL BELA	17,231
LANDI DAUD ZAI	4,948
MAIRA KACHORI	30,799
MIAN GUJAR	10,015
MUSA ZAI	19,152
NAHAQQI	22,125
PAKHA GHULAM	58,917
PHANDU	29,859
RASHIDA	30,046
SORI ZAI PAYAN	107,079
SARDAR GARHI	35,122
TARNAB	34,496
URMUR BALA	36,460
URMUR MIANA	33,848
URMUR PAYAN	29,548
WAD PAGGA	20,605
Charge N0.14 ex. Cir No.01	203629
218320-14691=203629	200020
TOTAL:	858978

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#### NA-29 PESHAWAR-III

NA-29 PESHAVVAR-III	22,681		
ADE ZAI SHER KERA	23402		
AHMAD KHEL	33,847		
AZA KHEL	35,953		
BADH BER HURI ZAI	26,912		
BADH BER MARYAM ZAI	15,920		
BAGH MIAN KHEL	18,525		
AZID KIEL			
GARHI CHANDAN	25,908 20,448		
KHULI ZAI	16,593		
MARYAM ZAI	75,069		
MASHU GAGGAR	24,693		
MASHUKHEL	49,672		
MATTANI	28,073		
SHEIKH MOHAMMADI	29,096		
SHEIKHAN			
SORI ZAI BALA	35,757		
SULEMAN KHEL	33,522		
ULI ZAI	13,987		
UTMAN ZAI	21,876		
Achni Bala	29872		
Achni Payan	76532		
LANDI AKHUN AHMED	21,797		
PESHAWAR CANTT. PC	10,108		
Pishtar khara Bala	23613		
Pishtar khara Payan	27254		
SANGU	28,186		
SARBAND	32,101		
Sufaid Dheri	27873		
The following circles of Charge No.16 of Peshawar			
MC			
i) Circle No.9	23,357		
ii) Circle No.10	15,578		
TOTAL:	868,205		

## NA-30 PESHAWAR-IV

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a) Regi Lalam PC OF Mathra QH	22,507			
b) Peshawar University TC	5,940			
c) Peshawar Cantonment	70741			
d) The following Census Charges of Peshawar MC.				
CHARGE NO.07	10.070			
i) Circle No.14	18,070			
ii) Circle No.15	10,062			
iii) Circle No.16	11,843			
Charge No.15 EX. CIR.01(105283-15980=	89303			
Charge No.17	224952			
d) The following Census Circles of Charge No,16 of Peshawar MC.				
Circle No.1	16,430			
Circle No.2	11,623			
Circle No.3	8,760			
Circle No.4	8,607			
Circle No.5	19,514			
Circle No.6	13,807			
Circle No.7	17,913			
Circle No.8	14,750			
Circle No.11	16,900			
Circle No.12	8,554			
Circle No.13	29,949			
Circle No.14	18,181			
Circle No.15	9,103			
Circle No.16	15,659			
Circle No.17	22,375			
Circle No.18	16,236			
Circle No.19	18,647			
Circle No.20	8,089			
Circle No.21	23,081			
Circle No.22	29,993			
Circle No.23	35,498			
Circle No.24 6,8				
Circle No.25	24,313			
TOTAL:	848211			

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# NA-31 PESHAWAR-V

a) The following Census Charges of Peshawar MC.

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i) CHARGE NO. 07 ex. The following circles;	280878	
a) Circle no.13		
b) Circle no.14		
c) Circle no.15		
d) Circle no.16		
e) Circle no.17		
(383985-103107=280878)		
ii) CHARGE NO. 08	40113	
iii) CHARGE NO. 09	169257	
iv) CHARGE NO. 10	37550	
v) CHARGE NO. 11	28112	
vi) CHARGE NO.12	45469	
vii) CHARGE NO. 13	206592	
b) CIR.01 of Charge No.14	14,691	
c) CIR.01 of Charge No.15	15980	
Total	838642	
Total Population of Peshawar	4269079	
Quota of NA Seat Peshawar	858815	

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NA#	NOTIFIED BY ECP	PR	OPOSED
NA 27	814,	036	855,043
NA 28	851,	544	858,978
NA 29	868,	205	868,205
NA 30	869,	685	848,211
NA 31	865,	609	838,642
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It is therefore prayed that on acceptance of the instant representation in view of the above the delimitation of the provincial constituencies of District Peshawar (Urban) may kindly be delimited as proposed in this representation.

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### **APPENDIX**

List of voters which include local government elected councilor and Nazims who have similar objections as raised in the Representation before the ECP over the preliminary delimitation of their Constituency and have authorized the applicant to act in representative capacity on behalf of them as well.