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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

DAVID T. MCDONALD, RONALD TARO
SUYEMATSU ET AL.,

Petitioners,

v.

SECRETARY OF STATE SAM REED, ET
AL,

Respondents.

NO. 76321-6

DECLARATION OF STEVE PHAM IN
SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR WRIT
OF MANDAMUS

Steve Pham declares as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, am competent to be a witness herein, and make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge.

2. I am a registered voter in King County. Although I am 28 years old and have never voted before this year, I recently registered to vote because I wanted to become politically active in this election.

DECLARATION OF STEVE PHAM IN
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MANDAMUS - 1

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3. Prior to the November 2, 2004 General Election, I received my absentee ballot. I completed it, placed the ballot within the secrecy envelope, and then placed the secrecy envelope within the absentee oath envelope. I then signed the oath on the outside of the envelope and mailed it on November 2, 2004.

4. Approximately a week after the election I received a letter from King County indicating that the signature on the back of my absentee ballot did not match the signature on file. Because I am a first-time voter, I did not understand why I had to verify my signature with a letter.

5. In addition to working full-time, I am also a student. As a result, I forgot to return the letter I had received. I still have a copy of the letter I received from King County.

6. I was the person who signed the oath on the back of my absentee ballot, and I want my vote to count in this election.

I declare subject to penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNED and DATED at Renton, Washington, this 12th day of December, 2004 by STEVE PHAM.



Steve Pham

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Exhibit A



King County

Department of Executive Services
Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division

Mail Ballot Section

King County Administration Building
500 4th Avenue, Rm. 553
Seattle, WA 98104-2337
206-296-8683

STEVE NGOC PHAM
17040 WOODSIDE DR SE
RENTON, WA 98058

Dear STEVE NGOC PHAM,

King County Elections is in the ongoing process of maintaining our voter registration files.

Part of the process is to compare the signature on your registration file against how you sign when you vote. In order to ensure your vote is counted, it is necessary to have your current signature.

Please sign and print your name in the spaces below and return this letter to us in the enclosed envelope by November 16, 2004. Thank you.

Steve N. Pham
PRINT - Registered Name

1065107
AV ID #

Signature

5/22/1976
DATE OF BIRTH