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 BRITTANY PULLIAM IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

Brittany Pulliam 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 have regularly and continuously voted since I registered.

3. I originally registered to vote under the name "Brittany Jamieson," my

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maiden name. However, I was married earlier this summer, and legally changed my name in mid-October of 2004 to Brittany Pulliam. Before changing my name, I researched what was legally required in order to effectuate my name change with all relevant government agencies. Despite my research, I never came across any documents indicating I was required to fill out an additional form to change my name on my voter's registration card in order to vote. I assumed that by changing my social security card, my voter's registration would also be updated.

4. I received my absentee ballot from King County without incident. However, the ballot arrived with my maiden, rather than my married, name. I filled out, signed, sealed, and mailed my ballot approximately a week and a half before the November 2, 2004 election. Because I had newly changed my name I am unsure whether I signed the ballot with my married or maiden name.

5. Approximately two to three weeks after the election, around the middle of November, I received a letter from King County. The letter indicated that the County had noticed my name had changed. The letter stated that I needed to sign and mail the letter back to King County in order for it to correctly print my name on future ballots. The letter did not clearly indicate that if I failed to return it, my vote would not count in the November 2, 2004 election. Approximately two days after I received the letter I signed it and mailed it back to King County. From my recollection, the letter did not contain any indication as to when I needed to return it.

6. I have since learned that my vote was not counted in the November 2, 2004 election. Though my name recently changed, I want my vote to be counted.

7. I was the person who signed the oath on the absentee ballot.

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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 Bellevue, Washington, this 12th day of December, 2004 by BRITTANY PULLIAM.

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