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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 MELVA LEE  
WILLIAMSON IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
MANDAMUS

Melva Lee Williamson 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 in general elections for the past forty years in Oregon State. However, in the fall of 2003, I moved to King County in Washington State. I re-registered to vote in Washington State prior to the 2004 general election.

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3. I registered to vote in Washington State by filling out a voter's registration card with the aid of my son-in-law. He took my completed voter's registration card and mailed it to the Secretary of State. Because I received no notice from the Secretary of State or King County, I assumed that my voter's registration card was filled out correctly and that I was registered to vote from my address in Seattle.

4. On November 2, 2004, I went to vote at my designated polling precinct. The election workers I spoke with were unsure at first whether I could vote, and they eventually had me vote by provisional ballot. After casting my ballot, I followed the election workers instructions on how to fill out the envelope, and then signed and sealed the ballot. I then gave my ballot to an election worker.

5. To my recollection I have not received any written notice from King County or the Secretary of State's office that my vote was not counted. However, on December 10, 2004, I became worried that my provisional ballot hadn't counted. Thus, I called the King County Elections office to determine the status of my ballot. An elections worker informed me that my ballot had not been counted. She indicated that I had forgotten to sign my voter's registration card, and was not considered a registered voter for the November 2, 2004 election. She said she would mail me a new registration card to sign so that I could register for the next election. Further, she indicated King County would code the new card so that it would be clear to the elections workers who received it that the second form was not a new registration; rather it was to correct a problem with my first attempt to register.

6. To my recollection I signed my first registration card, and was surprised to learn that it was missing a signature. If I had received notice from either King County or the Secretary of State that there was a problem with my registration, I would have corrected it. I want my vote to count in this year's election.

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7. I was the person who signed the poll register book and the oath on the provisional ballot envelope.

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 Seattle, Washington, this 17th day of December, 2004 by MELVA WILLIAMSON.

  
Melva Williamson

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