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SUPREME COURT 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 JARED
EGLINTON IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR WRIT OF
MANDAMUS

I, Jared Eglinton, declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct:

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 voted regularly and continuously since becoming eligible.
3. I regularly vote by absentee ballot. In the summer of 2004, I received a letter from King County asking me to verify my signature for their records. I signed the letter in the space indicated and mailed the letter back to King County.

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1 4. I received an absentee ballot for the November 2004 general election without
2 incident. I filled out, signed, and mailed my absentee ballot back to King County in early
3 October, 2004.
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6 5. I did not receive any notice regarding the status of my absentee ballot from
7 King County between early October and November 7, 2004. On November 8, 2004 I went
8 overseas and was absent from the country until November 22, 2004. Attached hereto as
9 exhibit A are true copies of my plane tickets indicating that I was overseas from November
10 8, 2004 until November 22, 2004.
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13 6. Upon arriving back in King County from abroad, I found a notice on my door
14 from the Democratic Party indicating my ballot may not have been counted. Since receiving
15 the notice, I have telephoned the King County Elections Department to ascertain whether
16 my ballot was counted. I was informed by an elections worker that the information
17 regarding my ballot indicated that King County could not process my signature and that my
18 ballot had not been counted. I was also informed that there were many other people in the
19 same situation as myself.
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21 7. I still have not received any written notice from King County indicating that
22 it did not count my ballot. Had I not received literature from the Democratic Party I would
23 not have known that there were problems with my ballot. I have no idea why there are any
24 signature issues relating to my absentee ballot. I have voted by absentee ballot before
25 without incident. Additionally, I updated my signature via the letter sent from King County
26 just this summer, so I do not understand why there are any problems with the signature on
27 file with King County. I want my ballot to count in this years' election, and had I received
28 notice about a problem with my ballot I would have remedied it before I went abroad.
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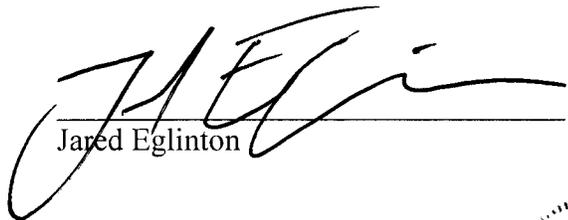
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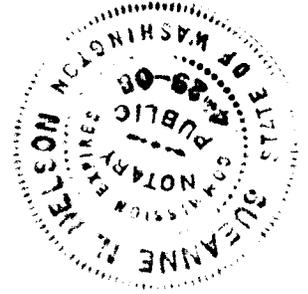


Jared Eglinton

December 7, 2004

Sue Ann Nelson
King County

expires: 04, 29, 2008



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Exhibit A

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