

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

4 2. I reside in King County and have for approximately 12 years.

5 3. I requested an absentee ballot for the November 2, 2004 general election
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7 from the King County elections office. I never received an absentee ballot in the mail.
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9 4. I went to my polling place located at Seattle Center on November 2. Because
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11 I was listed in the polling book as an absentee voter, I was told I had to vote using a
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13 provisional ballot. I signed the usual voter ledger and a poll book for provisional ballot
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15 voters. I also signed the oath on the provisional ballot envelope. The poll worker removed a
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17 stub from my provisional ballot and I took this stub with me so that I could check the status
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19 of my vote.
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22 5. Later, I checked the King Count elections website, entering the number on
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24 my stub to determine the status of my provisional ballot. The website said that King County
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26 had determined that I was not a registered voter. This was not correct.
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28 6. I first called King County on Thursday, November 11 and was told that
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30 someone would get back to me. I called again on Friday and then on the following Monday.
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32 Each time I was told I would get a call back, but I never received one. I called a fourth time
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34 on Tuesday, November 16 and expressed my concern about correcting this mistake
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36 concerning my voter registration status before the ballots were certified. I was told by the
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38 King County elections and voter registration staff person that the certification deadline
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40 would not apply to my situation and that he would get back to me. Once again, I did not
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42 receive a call back.
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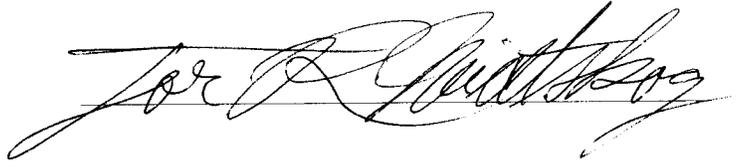
1 7. On the morning of Thursday, November 18, once again I called the office and
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3 this time I was put through to the voicemail for Lisa Moore. Ms. Moore never returned my
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5 call.

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7 8. Instead, Bill Huennekens called me back. He told me that this was the first
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9 time my situation had been brought to his attention. Mr. Huennekens stated that he regretted
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11 the error, but that my vote had not been counted because of a human error by a staff member
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13 who had incorrectly coded my ballot as unregistered. I spoke with him twice.

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15 DATED this 3 day of December, 2004 in Seattle, Washington.

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19 Ronald Taro Suyematsu

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21 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3rd day of December, 2004.

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(Print or Stamp Name of Notary)
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
Washington, residing at SEATTLE
My Commission Expires: JAN. 29, 2005