## STATE OF NEW YORK ) )ss.: COUNTY OF ROCKLAND )

**Douglas Whipple**, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and, under the penalties of perjury, states as follows:

- 1. My name is Douglas Whipple. I currently reside at 55 Church Road Monsey, New York and was one of two Machine Inspectors for the Elmwood Elementary polling location for the Town of Ramapo's special election held on September 30, 2014.
- 2. I am a certified Machine Inspector for the Rockland County Board of Elections and have worked as a poll inspector since 1992 and have worked presidential elections as well as state and local elections, both general and primary.
- 3. On the morning of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 I opened the polls and we soon discovered we were short our polling inspectors, 2 failed to show and 2 were involved in an accident the night before; so we start off a very busy day understaffed.
- 4. At some point after opening there was discussion at the polling location that unregistered voters would be allowed to vote. I went to Mary Gesner who was the chair person to confirm this and she was surprised to hear this and she said she would confirm this.
- 5. By the end of the day we had processed somewhere on the order of 2,000-2,200 machine ballots and about 900 affidavit ballots. I know this because I am the one who took the ballots and the red bag back to the Town of Ramapo at the end of the election day.
- 6. When I close the election I remove the USB drive and put it into the red bag along with the machine tapes that give the vote count. This information was brought to the Town Hall and they had access to all the bags with all the tape information until whatever time the police

finally managed to impound the materials. It was within the ability of the Town provided they had an hour or so to have reviewed all of the results of the election to determine the election day results based on the materials delivered to them except for any paper ballots in envelopes.

- 7. I did not notice any polling reports or forms that were not completed; taking the ballot reconciliation form and delivering it along with the other reports from the election is part of my job when cleaning up. I feel certain that it was filled out because it was part of my job and I don't remember anything missing but we were all very wiped out at the end of the day so I don't recall the numbers.
- 8. At the beginning of the day, the affidavit ballot processing was normal and unregistered people were being asked for ID and providing ID but within a few hours, no one was saying the oath or providing id; they just asked for a form and were given without questions and they filled it out and handed it back.
- 9. I did see a Hassidic gentleman who was very familiar to me, as he was a poll watcher in past elections; this gentleman was helping Mary Gesner hand-in-hand processing the affidavit ballots and directing voters to the correct locations.
- 10. By 3-4:00 the room was filled wall-to-wall and I was actually concerned regarding my personal safety. I tried to call Chris Sampson and when I told them who I was, the town employee hung up on me; I wanted someone to come and bring order to the polling location and to make sure that we were meeting fire code regulations.
- 11. I personally witnessed many buses of young Hassidic students arriving all throughout the day on smaller buses suitable for 12-18 people.

12. We knew that they were students and possibly not permanent residents of the Town of Ramapo but we were told by Chris Sampson who came around lunch time that we could not ask who they were or where they live.

13. We ran out of affidavit envelopes 3-4 times throughout the day and we received deliveries for ballots and affidavit envelopes on multiple occasions.

14. I attended a general meeting for poll workers before the election and Christian Sampson personally said that the election would be run according to BOE rules and regulations.

15. One worker was able to eat lunch, the rest of the workers could not eat lunch and no one ate supper; there wasn't enough time and we were that overworked and understaffed.

16. The entire experience was overwhelming and felt ripe for fraud. I felt and still feel that that the handling of the affidavit ballots at this Special Election was wrong and felt fraudulent to me.

Signature Print Name

Sworn to before me this day of September, 2015

Notary Public

WILLIAM J. WEBER
Notary Public - State of New York
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Qualified in Rockland County
My Commission Expires March 10, 2018