

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ROCKLAND)

STEVEN WHITE, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and, under the penalties of perjury, states as follows:

1. My name is Steven White and I reside at 10 Garden Place, Spring Valley in the Town of Ramapo, New York.

2. I arrived at my polling place St. Joseph's Church in Spring Valley at approximately 5:30 PM, to vote in the Town of Ramapo special election that was held on September 30, 2014 (the "Special Election").

3. After I voted, I was outside of the polling place chatting with friends who had also come to vote or were leaving. There were new rules announced that day that voters did not have to be registered in order to vote and many people arriving were asking those of us standing outside for information about the voting process. We informed them what we had read in the newspaper that day that voter registration was not required but you needed proof of address.

4. I had heard that there had been issues at this polling place in the morning due to a lack of absentee ballot envelopes which were being used for the non-registered voters. However, when I was there, a number of people did report that they were able to vote using by affidavit ballot using just a proof of address.

5. Later that evening a few people I knew from the neighborhood, who are Hispanic, told me they had gone to vote with the same types of proof of residence that others had been using to vote all day. Some left the polling place and told me that they had not been able to vote because they were asked for proof of citizenship.

6. One woman, who is a citizen, was told that she needed proof of residency. She went home to get it and then was still denied the right to vote because she was told she needed proof of citizenship.

7. Another woman, Francoise Thezon, wanted to vote but her driver's license was from her old address. She had a medical bill showing her new address in the Town of Ramapo but she was asked for proof of citizenship and was not allowed to vote.

8. Then, at the end of the night, a couple who came to vote with their children exited with a similar story that they were denied the right to vote because they needed proof of citizenship.

9. I went back in with this couple who was denied the right to vote and the poll worker who was taking signatures told me that I was the one who was "telling people who are not citizens that they can vote." He then asked me if I was a citizen.

10. I told the poll worker that I was not trying to tell people who could vote and who could not; rather, I was observing what kinds of proof people were being asked to show in order to vote.

11. I stated to the poll inspector that it appeared to me that only Latinos were being asked for something extra, more than proof of address. He became very agitated and said he was going to call the police on me.

12. It became clear that he was not going to allow this Hispanic couple to vote and so we started to exit the polling place. Someone who I believed to be the chairperson of the polling place stopped us on our way out. She said she had the Board of Elections on the phone and they were saying to let the people vote.

13. I was very pleased that this couple was able to vote but I felt bad that others had been turned away and I had not intervened earlier.

14. When the police came, the poll chairperson apologized to them and said that no one had even raised their voice to the poll worker who had called them.

15. At one point when I was outside, there were unregistered voters who had tried to vote at the Fire Training Center in Pomona but were sent to St. Joseph's because the Fire Training Center had run out of affidavit ballot envelopes.


STEVEN WHITE

Sworn to before me this
7TH day of September, 2015


Notary Public

WILLIAM J. WEBER
Notary Public - State of New York
No. 01WE6296373
Qualified in Rockland County
My Commission Expires March 10, 2018

