

DECLARATION OF ALICE WUJCIAK

My name is ALICE WUJCIAK. I am over the age of 18 and fully competent to make this declaration. Under penalty of perjury, I state the following:

1. I am eligible and registered to vote in Broward County, Florida. I live in the city of Hollywood, Florida. I am in my 70s in age. I am a white woman. I formerly worked as an adjunct professor in the Department of English for Academic Purposes at Broward College located in Broward County, Florida.

2. Since approximately January 2020, I have participated in New Florida Majority's ("NewFM") community meetings in my neighborhood. A NewFM organizer, Carlos Naranjo, is the organizer of our meetings. I enjoy these meetings. At these meetings, I learn about how people are getting power through organizing around local issues. I have met great people at the meetings, especially a number of black activists in my neighborhood. I consider myself an active participant in NewFM.

3. I have voted since the 1970s. I have always voted in-person at my polling site. To me, in-person voting is voting. That is how you vote. You vote in-person.

4. I have never voted by mail. I was never out of town on an Election Day, nor did I apply to vote by mail for any other reason. In person, I know that they registered my vote. If I were to vote by mail, I would feel a little uncertain that my ballot would be handled correctly by all those whose hands it passed through.

5. When it came time to vote in the March 17, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary ("PPP") just after the city of Hollywood issued its stay-in-place order on March 11, I had a

dilemma. I always vote. But was I willing to venture out and possibly risk my life to vote in-person now?

6. I had been taking the stay-in-place order seriously, aware of the increased dangers of this coronavirus to my age group.

7. My husband has a respiratory condition. If I contracted the virus, it would affect him as well. I had to weigh that possibility. My husband had the same difficult decision to make.

8. Reluctantly, I decided to go to the polls to vote in the PPP in person at my polling site. I vote at the David Park Community Center in Hollywood.

9. I took all the recommended precautions. I wore a mask. I was careful about what I touched. I even brought my own pen from home to mark the ballot. I washed my hands immediately after returning home.

10. Right after voting in the PPP, I knew I did not want to vote in person again while the coronavirus was still around.

11. Even though I took all of the precautions and safety measures, voting in person in the PPP was an anxiety-provoking experience for me. I worried whether I had done all of the precautions well enough and would stay healthy after voting in person. And I worried about how my health would affect my husband's health, and ultimately, his life.

12. I was shocked a few days after the PPP to read in our local newspaper that my polling site – the David Park Community Center – reported that a poll worker there had tested positive for Covid-19. This turned my assessment of the danger I had faced from theoretical to actual – that I truly had risked my life and my husband's life by going there to vote in-person.

13. I am not willing to risk my life again to vote in person in the upcoming Primary Election on August 18, 2020 and the General Election on November 3, 2020. I have heard that

the virus will come back after the summer. I have heard that there are asymptomatic people who spread the virus. I do not want to get this virus, and I do not want my husband to get this virus. I do not want more poll workers to get this virus. There is no reason for voters like me and poll workers to risk infection or even our lives when an alternative is available: vote-by-mail.

14. I plan on voting by mail for the first time in my life in the upcoming August and November elections. I hope that sufficient controls are in place to guarantee a fair election, with all votes counted and mail ballots available to all.

15. But I have an additional concern about casting a vote-by-mail ballot because my hand sometimes shakes physically when I sign my name. I am concerned that my signature will not match, and my vote-by-mail ballot will be rejected and not counted.

16. I also lack important information about the vote-by-mail process, especially the process to “cure” or correct any issues with my signature.

17. I do not know when election officials will start looking at my completed vote-by-mail ballot and when it will be counted. I do not know if the election officials have to notify me within a certain number of days whether my ballot was accepted. I do not know if I will hear from them before or after Election Day. I do not know how long I have to worry about a signature mismatch after I send off my completed vote-by-mail ballot. I do not know to look for an e-mail, letter, or phone call if they didn’t accept my signature.

18. I do not know if they will match my signature on my ballot with the one on my Florida driver’s license or with the signature on that electronic device I used to sign when I last voted in person at my polling place or with another signature that election officials may have on file for me. So even if my hand doesn’t shake, I don’t know what they expect my signature to look like.

19. I have a fax machine and a printer in my home, so I know that I would be able to send them a corrected signature (again, matching what?) if they allow that method. I remain concerned about ultimately not being able to fix any signature mismatch issue from home and having to risk my life and health – and that of my husband’s – to go in person to a busy elections office in Broward to correct my signature or to address other problems with my vote-by-mail ballot.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Hollywood, Florida

May 26, 2020

Alice G. Wujciak
Printed Name

/s/Alice G. Wujciak
Signature