

Declaration of John Jordan

(pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746)

I, John Jordan, declare the following based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am an adult United States citizen, and I am a resident of Orlando, Florida. I am eligible and registered to vote in Orlando, Florida.
2. I have been a member of Organize Florida since 2015. I currently serve on the board of Organize Florida Education Fund, and plan to become even more involved when I retire in the near future.
3. I am sixty-nine years old.
4. I am blind.
5. I believe that my right to vote privately and independently is important.
6. In 2016 I voted in person at my local polling site where I have access to assistive technology that allows me to mark my ballot independently and privately.
7. I avoid contact with crowds because I learned on the news that there are COVID-19 cases in Orlando, and that, as an elderly person, I am at a higher risk of suffering severe or even deadly health outcomes if I contract this extremely contagious and novel virus.
8. The CDC recommends avoiding contact with others and that persons over the age of 65, like me, stay home if possible.
9. I am worried that there will not be a way for me to enter my polling place to cast my ballot in August and November that would not pose a grave risk to my health. As a blind person, I cannot see whether I am standing the necessary six feet away from

others. I cannot navigate a polling-place line in which voters must remain six feet apart or see whether poll workers are properly disinfecting the accessible equipment between voters.

10. The safety risks of voting at my polling site depend on other people staying six feet away from me and on poll workers disinfecting the voting equipment between users.
11. I want to vote independently and privately in the upcoming August and November elections in Florida.
12. I would like to vote by mail, but because I am blind, I cannot mark a paper vote-by-mail ballot without assistance from another person. It is important for me to vote independently and privately and I prefer to avoid compromising the secrecy of my ballot and my autonomy by being forced to have someone else mark my ballot.
13. To avoid the risk of contracting COVID-19, I need to mark my ballot at my home computer and print it to mail in instead of going to my polling site to vote.
14. I would use an electronic ballot delivery option to mark my ballot at home if Florida officials provided blind voters like myself with that option. This technology would need to be compatible with screen reader programs, like Jaws, and otherwise meets accessibility guidelines 2.1 level AA. I am requesting electronic ballot delivery as an accommodation to make vote-by-mail accessible to me because of my blindness.
15. I believe Floridians who are blind or low vision, as well as the elderly have a right to vote, independently and privately, in upcoming elections.
16. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Dated: Orlando, Florida

May 26, 2020



John Jordan