

## **DECLARATION OF ROBYN WISE**

My name is Robyn Wise. 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 a resident of Jacksonville, Florida. I am eligible and registered to vote in Duval County, Florida.
2. I am a white woman.
3. My friend, Leigh Gustavus, is on staff at New Florida Majority. I believe that with my permission, she shared my experience with New Florida Majority.
4. During the March 17, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary election (“PPP”), my twenty-year-old daughter and I went to our assigned polling location – St. Peter’s Episcopal Church – to vote on Election Day.
5. My daughter, Alisyn Wise, is also eligible and registered to vote in Duval County, Florida. She is a first-time voter. The PPP was her very first voting experience in life.
6. As we approached the church, I observed two poll workers sitting at a table in the parking lot. They appeared to be redirecting voters.
7. The two poll workers greeted my daughter and me. They informed us that our polling location had closed. One of the poll workers then gave me two slips of paper and directed me to a new polling location.
8. I recall that the first piece of paper had “Voting Pass” printed on it. The poll worker wrote “6:52 p.m.” by hand on this first piece of paper. The paper had blank spaces to write the

name of the voter, date of birth, and signature, but the poll worker left those spaces unmarked. I assumed those were for the poll workers at the new location to fill in.

9. The second piece of paper had a map with the address of the new alternate polling location. The paper also reflected the estimated time it would take to travel from the church to the new location, which was three minutes. The poll worker then directed me to present the papers at the new location. I understood the papers to be a pass or evidence that I had been on time at my assigned polling location.
10. Attached to this Declaration as Exhibits 1 and 2 are true and correct copies of the two pieces of paper handed to me by the poll workers at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.
11. My daughter and I then proceeded to the alternate polling location – an empty store in a strip mall at a Target Shopping Center. I observed signage directing us to a polling site in the store. We arrived minutes before 7:00 p.m.
12. I observed that people were still inside the store. A poll worker came to the door and stood in the doorway. I explained to her that we were there to vote, that it was not yet 7:00 p.m., and we had our pass showing that we had plenty of time to vote at our original polling location.
13. But this poll worker did not let us in to vote. She blocked the door. She would not even look at our papers. She stated repeatedly that it was too late. She also kept telling us we could have early voted and or voted by mail. I responded, why would I do that when I have until 7:00 p.m.?
14. In that moment, I felt extremely disappointed. I felt so excited to be voting for the first time with my daughter. I felt so excited for my daughter. I felt just crushed by what was

going on. Just for the poll worker to speak to us that way was very upsetting. I remember the conversation accelerating to an argument.

15. The poll worker did not let us in to vote. We eventually left without voting.

16. As we left, I observed a man walking to the polling location. He appeared to be on this way to vote too. We told him what had happened to us. He said he would try anyway. From our car, we watched as the poll worker at the door also turned the man away.

17. My daughter and I then went back to the church, our original polling place. The poll worker who had given us the two slips was still there. The man who tried to vote had also made his way back there.

18. The poll worker at the church was very apologetic and kind. She told us she had called ahead to the alternate location to let them know people were coming. The first time she called, a child answered. The second time, no one answered.

19. I would have liked to receive a notification of my polling place closure. They tell us about school closures due to hurricanes. They should tell us about polling place closures. I have voted at the same place – that church – for years. I did not think to check to see if it was open. I do not vote by mail. I like going in person. It is familiar to me. I like the experience. I like getting my sticker.

20. I am going to vote again in August and in November this year. I will vote in person. If my polling site has changed, I want notification.

21. My daughter makes me more aware. We cannot mess it up for the next generation. Voting is part of how I can make it better for her. It is one more thing I can do for her.

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

Jacksonville, Florida

May 27, 2020

Robyn Wise  
Printed Name

/s/Robyn Wise  
Signature

# Exhibit A

Voting Pass

Presidential Preference Primary

Date: March 17, 2020

Time: 6:52 p

OLD Precinct #: 1409 Saint Peters Episcopal Church

Voter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Voter: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Assignment Worker: J. Blount

Where to Go

NEW Precinct 1409  
Target Shopping Center

Precinct Address: 6331 Roosevelt  
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Precinct Manager: Jeanette Williams

Precinct Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Exhibit B

# 1409

630 3708

From: St Peter's Episcopal Church  
5042 Timuquana Rd  
Jacksonville, FL 32210

To: Target Shopping Center  
6331 Roosevelt Blvd Suite 2  
Jacksonville, FL 32244

	Distance
1: Head east on SR-134 E / Timuquana Rd toward Ortega Forest Dr	0.9 miles
2: Turn right onto US-17 S / SR-15 S / Roosevelt Blvd <i>Flash Foods on the corner</i>	0.9 miles
3: Turn Left	72ft
4: Arrive at US-17 S / SR-15 S / Roosevelt Blvd <i>The last intersection is US-17 S / SR-15 S / Roosevelt Blvd</i>	
<b>Total Est. Time: 3 minutes</b>	
<b>Total Est. Distance: 1.8 miles</b>	

