Exhibit A
AFFIDAVIT OF
DEAN HELLER

STATE OF NEVADA       )
CARSON CITY                   ) SS
NEVADA                      )

I, DEAN HELLER, swear and affirm, under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct, and would testify to the following if called upon to do so:

1. I am the Secretary of State for the State of Nevada. I have been Secretary of State since 1992. As Secretary of State, I am responsible for the conduct and oversight of elections in Nevada.

2. I believe it is critically important that Nevada voters have a buffer zone both inside and outside of polling places where voters are not harassed or otherwise disrupted, in order to fully preserve and protect the fundamental right to vote.

3. I believe that any harassments or disruptions either inside or within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place discourage and dissuade voter turnout. The voter who is harassed or disrupted may be discouraged from voting in current and future elections, and voters who witness harassments or disruptions may also be discouraged from voting in current and future elections.

4. I have noticed an increase in recent years of special interest groups who appear at polling places and claim to be there to assist with ballot access, when in reality these groups often seek to influence voters to a particular agenda. These groups often speak, or attempt to speak, to voters within 100 feet of the entrance to polling places. I have no doubt that these groups, if they see exit polls being conducted within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place, will feel entitled to disregard the 100 foot limit and thereby cause further disruption. Such disruptions will take poll workers away from their duties inside the polling place to address the disruption and will provide a negative voting experience to Nevada voters and discourage voter turnout.

Further Affiant sayeth not,

DEAN HELLER
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 30 day of Oct., 2006.

SANDY DOMBROWSKI

EXHIBIT A
Exhibit B
AFFIDAVIT OF
DANIEL G. BURK

STATE OF NEVADA  )
COUNTY OF WASHOE    ) :SS

I, DANIEL G. BURK, swear and affirm, under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct, and would testify to the following if called upon to do so:

1. I am the Registrar of Voters for Washoe County. I have been Registrar since 1998. As Registrar, I am responsible for the conduct and oversight of elections in Washoe County. I am also familiar with the polling places to be used in the upcoming general election to be held on November 7, 2006, and the polling places to be used during early voting.

2. Washoe County will utilize 26 polling places during early voting for the 2006 general election, and 92 polling places on November 7, 2006.

3. I know of several polling places to be used, both during early voting and on November 7, 2006, where a voter leaving the building housing the polling place must walk at least 100 feet before reaching the primary parking area for that building.

4. My office at 1001 East Ninth Street, Room A135, Reno, Nevada, 89512 will be a polling place during early voting and on November 7, 2006. The primary parking area for the building where my office is housed is located well over 100 feet from the entrance to the building. The area between the entrance to my building and the primary parking lot is a courtyard that prevents travelers from becoming widely dispersed as they make their way to the primary parking lot.

Further Affiant sayeth not,

DANIEL G. BURK
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 12th day of October, 2006.

LUANNE M. CUTLER
Notary Public - State of Nevada
Appointment Recorded In Washoe County
No: 67-4217-2 - Expires March 31, 2010

EXHIBIT B
Exhibit C
STATE OF NEVADA    )
COUNTY OF CLARK     ) SS

I, HARVARD L. LOMAX, swear and affirm, under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct, and would testify to the following if called upon to do so:

1. I am the Registrar of Voters for Clark County. I have been Registrar since March, 1999. As Registrar, I am responsible for the conduct and oversight of elections in Clark County. I am also familiar with the polling places to be used in the upcoming general election to be held on November 7, 2006, and the polling places to be used during early voting.

2. Clark County will utilize 74 polling places during early voting for the 2006 general election, and 337 polling places on November 7, 2006.

3. I know of many polling places to be used, both during early voting and on November 7, 2006, where a voter leaving the building housing the polling place must walk at least 100 feet before reaching the primary parking area for that building.

Further Affiant sayeth not,

HARVARD L. LOMAX
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 16th day of Oct., 2006.

RICHARD D. WADE
Notary Public State of Nevada
No. 02-75726-1
My appt. exp. May 20, 2010

EXHIBIT C
Exhibit D
Ms. Susan Buckley  
Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP  
Eighty Pine Street  
New York, N.Y. 10005-1702

Dear Ms. Buckley:

This correspondence is sent in response to yours of October 5, 2004, wherein you request our office to interpret Nevada law in a manner that would allow your clients to conduct exit polls within 100 feet of polling places on Election Day. For the reasons discussed below, we disagree with your proposed interpretation of the statutes.

As you are aware, NRS 293.740(1)(a) states that it is unlawful within 100 feet from the entrance of a polling place “for any person to solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his ballot.” [Emphasis added]. In your letter you contend that the statute should be construed to apply to polling that is conducted only by those persons who are campaigning because the definition of “electioneering” only applies to such persons. However, the definition of electioneering is irrelevant to the prohibitions contained in subsection 1 of the statute, and the plain language of the statute indicates that it applies to any person. There is no limitation on the type of person who engages in the prohibited activities. Therefore, it is our position that the statute prohibits within the excluded area, any person, not just persons campaigning, from speaking to a voter on the subject of marking his ballot.

In addition, you assert that the statutory language could reasonably be construed to apply only to prohibit speaking to a voter on the subject of marking his ballot prior to voting, not afterwards, such as during an exit poll. While you provide extensive research concerning the legislative history of the statute, it is our position that the statutory language is clear and should be given its plain meaning under which the timing of when the voter is approached is not limited. Therefore, we decline to interpret the statute in a manner that would allow exit polling activities to be conducted within the 100 foot prohibition.

Finally, we are deeply concerned about the precedent such an allowance would set, and the possibility of opening up a virtual Pandora’s Box of similar requests by partisan.
October 15, 2004
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organizations—political parties, special interest groups, ballot advocacy groups, etc.—who would conclude as you have that exit polling does not interfere with someone voting since that person has already cast their ballot. Voters might be left with the option of running a gauntlet of various exit pollers, or avoiding the situation by not voting to avoid the confrontation that could result if we followed your logic. Although your intentions may be benign and you claim you will be unobtrusive in your approach to voters, the nature of your activities could have a chilling effect on the process.

Certainly, if polled, the citizens of America would opt for higher voter turnout rather than the right of network television and other media outlets to proclaim a victor based on exit polling.

Therefore, as the state’s Chief Elections Officer and a duly elected constitutional officer sworn to uphold the laws of this State, we must place the weight of this issue on the side of the voters of Nevada and decline to allow exit polling within the 100 foot mark established by our state Legislature to protect voters from possible harassment and intimidation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (775) 684-5714, or our Elections Deputy, Ronda Moore, at (775) 684-5705, if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

DEAN HELLER
Secretary of State

Renee L. Parker, Esq.
Chief Deputy Secretary of State

cc: County Clerks and Registrars of Voters
AFFIDAVIT OF
KRISTI D. GEISER

STATE OF NEVADA     )
CARSON CITY      ) :SS

I, KRISTI D. GEISER, swear and affirm, under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct, and would testify to the following if called upon to do so:

1. I am a Program Officer I with the Nevada Secretary of State’s office. I have worked in the elections division of the Secretary of State’s office since July, 1997. I am familiar with a variety of complaints that have been made to the Secretary of State’s office during my employment, including complaints alleging violations of NRS 293.740.

2. To the best of my knowledge, the Secretary of State’s office has received four complaints alleging violations of NRS 293.740 since 1998. Each of those complaints alleged unlawful electioneering. None of those complaints pertained to exit polling.

3. To the best of my knowledge, the Secretary of State’s office has not civilly or criminally enforced any violations of NRS 293.740, nor has the office referred any such violations to other agencies for prosecution.

Further Affiant sayeth not,

[Signature]
KRISTI D. GEISER
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 20 day of Oct., 2006. 

[Signature]
SANDY DOMBROWSKI
NOTARY PUBLIC - NEVADA
App. Recorded in DOUGLAS CO.
No. 98-514245, My Appt. Exp. April 11, 2007

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