DECLARATION OF KEN LESLIE, 
FOUNDER, 1MATTERS

I, Ken Leslie, being of sound mind, declare as follows:

1. My name is Ken Leslie.
2. I am the founder of 1Matters.
3. 1Matters is headquartered at 3722 Anderson Parkway, Toledo OH, 43613.
4. 1Matters is a non-profit volunteer member organization that serves the homeless community in Lucas County, Ohio.
5. 1Matters has approximately 300 members. Membership is available free of charge to individuals who fill out a written application to join.
6. 1Matters' mission is to assist individuals in the Toledo area who are without homes by addressing their individual circumstances and needs.
7. One of the primary roles of 1Matters is Advocacy. We are working on building the capacity of the homeless to not only have a seat at the table, but to have a voice at that table.
8. Another major initiative to that end is 1Votes. 1Matters assists with registering voters, verifying and updating registration, requesting absentee ballots, providing transportation to take advantage of early voting, and providing volunteers to accompany voters overcome barriers.
9. In furtherance of its mission and goals, 1Matters has included voter mobilization activities into this year's Tent City event. Tent City is an annual weekend long community event begun in 1990 for and with the homeless that provides medical and
other resources to those who need it. This year’s Tent City will include a homeless townhall, a meet the candidates event, and shuttles to and from the Lucas County Board of Elections to take advantage of early voting. It will occur October 31 through November 2, 2008.

10. 1Matters plans to assist area homeless voters register or re-register up until the October 6 deadline, and plans to assist with early voting from September 30 up until the November 4, 2008 election.

11. 1Matters expects to bring at least 500 homeless individuals and volunteers to vote early this year.

12. Homeless individuals experience significant barriers to voting that can be minimized or alleviated by being able to register or update one’s registration and immediately request or cast an absentee ballot or vote early. For example, many homeless individuals lack transportation, so making one trip to register and a second trip to vote poses a substantial hardship. Additionally, homeless voters may have difficulty being able to provide identification, and being able to vote early provides time to address any problems.

13. Members of 1Matters support its mission and voter mobilization activities. As such, members are activists with a strong interest in citizen participation, voting, efficient and fair elections, and equal access to the ballot.

14. Some 1Matters members, in particular homeless members, wish to themselves or help others register and vote early for the November 4, 2008 election. Due to the pending mandamus case filed by Rhonda Colvin and C. Douglas Moody, and the opinion of some Ohio county prosecutors to their boards of elections, 1Matters and its members are fearful
that the absentee ballots of newly registered voters such as themselves and those they serve may not be counted.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this ___ day of September 2008 in Lucas County, Ohio.

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Ken Leslie