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CHURCHES, as an organization and
representative of its members; WASHINGTON
ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS FOR REFORM NOW
(ACORN), as an organization and representative
of its members; ORGANIZATION OF
CHINESE-AMERICANS OF GREATER
SEATTLE, as an organization and representative
of its members; CHINESE INFORMATION &
SERVICE CENTER, as an organization and
representative of its clients; FILIPINO
AMERICAN POLITICAL ACTION GROUP OF
WASHINGTON, as an organization and
representative of its members; KOREAN
AMERICAN VOTERS ALLIANCE, as an
organization and representative of its members;
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL
UNION (SEIU) – LOCAL 775, as an
organization and representative of its members;
and WASHINGTON CITIZEN ACTION, as an
organization and representative of its members,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SAM REED, in his official capacity as Secretary
of State for the State of Washington,

Defendant.

NO. CV06-0726 RSM

**DECLARATION OF
MICHAEL McDONALD IN
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR A
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

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*Declaration of Michael McDonald CV06-0726 -
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ORIGINAL

1 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Michael McDonald, hereby declare as follows:

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3 1. I am an Assistant Professor of Government and Politics at George Mason
4 University, in the Department of Public and International Affairs, where I coordinate the
5 United States Elections Project. I am also currently a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings
6 Institution in Washington, DC. I research, *inter alia*, voting behavior, redistricting, and
7 political methodology – and for more than 16 years, in the course of research and
8 professional consulting relating to voting, I have regularly worked with and analyzed states’
9 voter registration lists and databases. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs’
10 Motion for a Preliminary Injunction.

11 2. I earned a B.S. in Economics from the California Institute of Technology
12 (“CalTech”) in 1989. I earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California,
13 San Diego, in 1999. My doctoral dissertation discussed the effect of redistricting on district
14 competition. I held a one-year post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University, and I have
15 taught political science classes at Vanderbilt University and the University of Illinois at
16 Springfield.

17 3. I am the co-editor of a forthcoming book entitled *The Marketplace of*
18 *Democracy*, and the co-author of a book published in 2003 and entitled *Numerical Issues in*
19 *Statistical Computing for the Social Scientist*.

20 4. I have authored and co-authored articles in peer-reviewed publications,
21 including *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *The*
22 *Election Law Journal*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *PS: Political Science and*
23 *Politics*, *Social Science Computing Review*, and *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. I have
24 also written papers for more than 15 national or regional conferences. A complete list of my
25 publications is included in my *curriculum vitae*, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

26 5. As a consultant to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, I analyzed
27 various categories of election and registration data submitted for the 2004 Election Day
28 Survey, the largest and most comprehensive survey on election administration ever

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1 conducted by a U.S. governmental organization. I have also worked for the national exit
2 poll organization, served on campaign staff for state legislative campaigns in California and
3 Virginia, and worked for national polling firms. I have been asked to serve as a redistricting
4 consultant in Alaska, Arizona, California, Michigan, and New York. I have worked as a
5 media consultant to ABC and NBC, among others, and I am frequently quoted in the media
6 regarding United States elections. My op-eds have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The*
7 *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, *The American Prospect*, and *Roll Call*.

8 6. I have extensive experience managing and analyzing voter registration files,
9 including matching voter registration and election data to other data. In 2005, I analyzed the
10 voter registration files of New Jersey, and conducted an analysis of common flaws relating
11 to matching names and other identifying information in those files. In my capacity as a
12 consultant, I wrote software to manage California's voter registration files for political
13 campaign purposes. On multiple political campaigns, in both California and Virginia, I have
14 managed voter registration files, including extensive matching of name data. I also worked
15 for two years for Pactech Data and Research, preparing the database supporting California's
16 redistricting process, and in that capacity, helped to integrate voter registration files with
17 data contained in other large databases, including data from the U.S. Census Bureau.
18 Furthermore, I am currently engaged in an extensive national project to integrate databases
19 of election results with demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

20 7. Over the last year, as part of my ongoing research, I have been engaged in
21 collecting and analyzing voter registration databases. I have now extensively examined
22 voter registration databases in the District of Columbia and nine other states: California,
23 Connecticut, Florida, Kentucky, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, and, for this
24 project, Washington State. Most recently, I presented a paper specifically describing
25 techniques for effective analysis of voter registration files at the Western Political Science
26 Association conference in March 2006; I will be presenting a revised version of this paper at
27 a conference of the American Association of Public Opinion Research in May 2006.

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1 8. In my work analyzing voter registration databases, I have often encountered
2 data that appears to have been entered incorrectly or in inconsistent fashion. For example,
3 individuals at the same household address will appear to share the same name, except that
4 one person's last name appears to contain a typographical error or different spelling (e.g.,
5 one family member is listed as "Johnson" and another person at the same address is listed as
6 "Johnsson"). I have also frequently seen what appears to be the same name entered with
7 inconsistent punctuation; for example, with and without apostrophes ("O'Brien" and "O
8 Brien" or "OBrien"), with and without hyphens ("Smith-Thomas" and "Smith Thomas"),
9 with and without periods ("St. Clair" and "St Clair"), and with and without spaces ("De
10 Niru" and "DeNiro"), among others. Such errors or inconsistencies are common both within
11 voter registration files, and between voter registration files and other large databases, and
12 where they occur, preclude an exact match of two records representing the same individual.

13 9. I also have direct personal experience with common variations in my own
14 name, as it is recorded in commercial databases and official records. For example, while the
15 correct spelling of my last name is "McDonald," I have seen my last name recorded as "Mc
16 Donald," "MacDonald," and "Mac Donald". In any system that uses an exact, character-by-
17 character matching protocol to compare one of these variants to another variant, the
18 comparison will return a "failed match" even though I am the individual represented in both
19 of the compared records.

20 10. For this case, I have been retained to analyze Washington's voter registration
21 files. My billing rate for this matter is \$100 per hour.

22 **I. WASHINGTON'S VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE**

23 11. For this case, I was asked to examine information within Washington State's
24 voter registration database, as it existed as of February 28, 2006 ("the Voter Database"). I
25 analyzed a copy of information from the Voter Database that was saved on a CD-ROM disc
26 labeled "Washington State Voter Registration Database February 28, 2006"; I understand
27 that counsel procured the disc, which is made available to the public, directly from the
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1 Office of the Secretary of State of Washington, and delivered the disc to me without
2 modification.

3 12. I analyzed a file labeled "AccessVoterExtract.mdb," which I understand to
4 represent current registered voters, and a file labeled "VRDBCanceled.mdb," which I
5 understand to represent voters whose registration has been cancelled. In the paragraphs
6 below, I refer to both files together as the "Voter Database." Both files contain voter
7 registration information for Washington residents: each record contains fields designated for
8 Washington state and county voter ID numbers; name; date of birth; gender; street address;
9 county, precinct, and district codes; mailing address; registration date; designation of
10 absentee voting; date of most recent vote; and a designation of active, inactive, and
11 cancelled status.

12 13. In particular, I was asked to analyze the registration dates listed in the Voter
13 Database, in order to determine the number and rate at which registration forms were
14 received and processed by the Secretary of State in 2004, the year of the most recent federal
15 election. My complete findings are attached as Exhibit B.

16 14. Based on my analysis of the Voter Database, I conclude that in 2004, the
17 number of voter registration applications received and processed by the Washington
18 Secretary of State increased dramatically over time, reaching a peak in the week just before
19 Washington's voter registration deadline for mail-in forms, which I understand to have been
20 October 2, 2004. In January 2004, the Secretary of State received and processed up to
21 approximately 6,000 forms per week; by the week beginning September 26, 2004, the week
22 before the mail-in voter registration deadline, the Secretary of State received and processed
23 approximately 68,049 forms. 13% of all voter registration forms processed in 2004 were
24 processed in the week before the mail-in voter registration deadline; 26% of all voter
25 registration forms processed in 2004 were processed in the month before the voter
26 registration deadline. These results are consistent with the general pattern that I have seen in
27 other states and in other years, in which the number of submitted registration forms
28 dramatically increases as the voter registration deadline approaches.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that
the foregoing is true and correct, and that this Declaration was executed on May 24,
2006 in FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA.


MICHAEL McDONALD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 24, 2006, I ~~electronically~~ filed this *Declaration of Michael McDonald* with the Clerk of the Court ~~using the CM/ECF system~~ which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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and I hereby certify that I have sent for service via hand delivered by legal messenger to be served on May 25, 2006 this document to the following non CM/ECF participants:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 24th day of May, 2006 at Seattle, Washington.

/s/ Sarah A. Dunne *Sarah A. Dunne*
Sarah A. Dunne, WSBA #34869

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Exhibit A

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Education

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University, August 1998 – August 1999.
Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, February, 1999.
BS Economics, California Institute of Technology, June, 1988.

Publications

Books

Michael P. McDonald and John Samples, eds. 2006. *The Marketplace of Democracy*.
Washington DC: Brookings Press. Forthcoming.

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Software Packages

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Grants

Formulating Sound Redistricting Reform. Joint George Mason University and the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU investigation into redistricting criteria and advocacy for redistricting reform in the Midwest. \$405K from the Joyce Foundation.

Electoral Competition Project. 2005-2006. Joint Brookings Institution and Cato Institute investigation into electoral competition. \$300K raised from various foundations.

Provost Summer Research Grant. 2004. George Mason University.

ICPSR Data Document Initiative. 1999. Awarded beta test grant. Member, advisory committee on creation of electronic codebook standards.

Academic Experience

Courses Taught

Intro to American Politics (4 classes), Congress (1 class), Legislative Politics (1 class), Public Opinion and Voting Behavior (4 classes), Parties and Campaigns (3 classes), Research Methods

(6 classes), and Freshman Seminar: Topics in Race and Gender Policies (1 class), Legislative Staff Internship Program (2 classes).

Academic Employment History

Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution, June 2004 - Present.

Assistant Professor, George Mason University, Aug 2002 - Present. Joint appointment in the Center for Social Complexity.

Assistant Professor, University of Illinois, Springfield, Aug 2000 - June 2002. Joint appointment in Political Studies Department and Legislative Studies Center.

Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University, Aug 1999 - Aug 2000.

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Harvard-MIT Data Center, Sept. 1998 - Aug 1999.

Assistant to the Director, UC San Diego in Washington, DC Sept 1997 - June 1998.

Visiting Assistant Professor, UCSD, Spring Quarter 1997, UCSD Summer Session, Aug 1996 and Aug 1997.

Teaching Assistant/Grader, University of California, San Diego, Aug 1991 - March 1997.

Professional Service

American Political Science Association, Representation and Voting Taskforce, 2005. Member.

Virginia Public Access Project, 2005-2006. Member, Board of Directors.

Overseas Vote Foundation, 2005-present. Member, Advisory Board.

Fairfax County Adult and Community Education Advisory Board, 2005-2006. Member.

State Politics and Policy Quarterly

- Guest Editor, Dec 2004 issue.
- Editorial Board Member 2004-2006.

Related Professional Experience

Media Consultant

- Mitofsky International and Edison Media Research, Nov. 2004. Called 2004 election outcomes.
- ABC News, Nov. 2002. Called 2002 election outcomes.
- NBC News, Aug 1996. Analyzed polls during the Republican National Convention.

Redistricting Consultant

- Alaska, 2001-2002. Expert witness for Alaska Redistricting Commission.
- Arizona, 2001-2003. Consultant for the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.
- California, 1991. Consulted for state legislature.
- Michigan, 2002. Consulting expert for Democrats.
- New York, 2003. Expert witness for NY Senate Democrats.
- San Gabriel Valley, CA, 2001. Consulting expert for Republicans.

Polling Consultant

- Hickman-Brown, July, 2000. Analyzed national and state level exit and CPS polls for use in various campaigns.

- Decision Research, Research Analyst. Aug 1994 – Dec 1994.
- Jose de Venecia, Speaker of the Philippines. Feb, 1997.
- Joong-Ang Ibo/RAND. Oct 1996. Analyzed survey of Korean attitudes on national security issues.
- UCSD. Nov, 1991. Conducted and analyzed survey of student attitudes.

Campaign Consulting

- Ron Christian for Virginia State Senate. 2003. Campaign consultant.
- Theresa Martinez for Virginia Assembly. 2003. Campaign manager.
- Susan Davis for California Assembly. 2006. Computer Analyst.
- Howard Wayne for California Assembly. 2006. Computer Analyst.

U.S. Electoral Assistance Commission. Feb.- Sept, 2005. Analyzed election administration surveys.

Senior Consultant, California State Assembly. Nov. - Dec 1998. Consultant on various programming projects.

WriteIt, UCSD, Science and Technology Policy and Projects. June – Sept 1995. Identified federal contracts and grants to the university and tracked congressional activity affecting those funds. Helped organize conference on the future of U.S. science and technology policy.

Pactech Data and Research, Research Associate. Aug 1989 – June 1991. Performed database development and statistical analysis for Pactech clients including: Democratic National Committee, Gordon Shwenkmeyer (a national political telemarketing firm), Southern California Gas, and Justice Department for voting rights case Garza v LA Board of Supervisors.

Board Memberships

Overseas Vote Foundation, 2005-Present. Board of Directors, Member.

Virginia Public Access Project. 2004-Present. Board of Directors, Member.

Fairfax County Public Schools, Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee, 2004-2005. Member.

Exhibit B

Report on Volume of New Registrations on Washington State's Voter Registration File, by Week in 2004.

Dr. Michael P. McDonald
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May 11, 2006

1. Introduction

I am Dr. Michael P. McDonald, an Assistant Professor of Government and Politics in the Department of Public and International Affairs at George Mason University. I am also a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution.

I have a national reputation in the areas of voting behavior, election administration, redistricting, and statistical methodology. My research appears in numerous scholarly journals, I am co-author of *Numerical Issues in Statistical Computing for the Social Scientist*, and co-editor of *The Marketplace of Democracy: Competition in American Elections*. Please see my attached vita for more information.

I have research experience relevant to this report. I consulted for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission in analyzing the administrative performance of the 2004 election. In the last year I engaged in collecting and analyzing voter registration databases. A product of that research was a report on allegations of vote fraud found on New Jersey's voter registration rolls entitled "Analysis Finds Serious Flaws with New Jersey Voter Fraud Report." Analysis of voter registration rolls in nine states plus the District of Columbia was presented at the 2006 Western Political Science Association Conference, will be presented at the 2006 American Association of Public Opinion Researchers Conference, and been submitted for consideration to appear in the journal *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

I have been asked to evaluate the weekly volume of new registrations in 2004, the year of the last federal election occurring on November 2, 2004.

I have been provided a compact disc entitled "Washington State Voter Registration Database February 28, 2006." I determined that the disc contains four files in two formats (text and an Access database formats). The files are labeled "TextExtractVRDB.txt", "AccessVoterExtract.mdb", "VRDBCancelled.txt", and "VRDBCancelled.mdb". I analyzed data in "AccessVoterExtract.mdb" (hereafter referred to as "Extract") and "VRDBCancelled.mdb" (hereafter referred to as "Cancelled"). The Extract file in Access format contains 3,768,382 individual records and the Cancelled file Access format contains 49,508 individual records, for a combined 3,817,890 individual records.

2. Weekly Volume of New Registrations in 2004

I have been asked to measure the number of new voter registrations by week in 2004. To do so, I analyzed the date of registration as recorded on the Extract and Cancelled files. In all, I identified 517,056 new registrations in 2004.

The numbers by week in the year 2004 for all registrations are reported in Table 1. A week constitutes a Sunday through Saturday that fall within in 2004. Note by this definition the first week (1/1/2004 to 1/3/2004) and the last week (12/26/2004 to 12/31/2004) are not seven day weeks. The numbers reported in Table 1, Column A are the new registrations by week, which are presented graphically in Figure 1.

Table 1 and the accompanying Figure 1 demonstrate that new registrations spike upwards to 68,049 in the week of the 30-day mail-in registration deadline (Saturday, Oct 2, 2004; Week 40). To provide some perspective on this volume, this is over 26 times the 2,557 new registrations recorded in the first full week of 2004 (Week 2).

In-person registrations were accepted until Monday Oct 18, 2004. In the three weeks following the mail-in registration deadline (Weeks 40, 41, and 42), an additional 32,728 new registrations were recorded.

3. Conclusion

A greater number of new registrations were received by election administrators as the election approached. The volume represents a significant increase in the processing of voter registration forms compared to other times of the year.

Week	Start Date	End Date	Column A Number of New Registrations
1	1/1/2004	1/3/2004	1,231
2	1/4/2004	1/10/2004	2,557
3	1/11/2004	1/17/2004	3,682
4	1/18/2004	1/24/2004	4,281
5	1/25/2004	1/31/2004	6,019
6	2/1/2004	2/7/2004	6,662
7	2/8/2004	2/14/2004	5,887
8	2/15/2004	2/21/2004	5,382
9	2/22/2004	2/28/2004	6,047
10	2/29/2004	3/6/2004	5,839
11	3/7/2004	3/13/2004	5,535
12	3/14/2004	3/20/2004	5,504
13	3/21/2004	3/27/2004	7,000
14	3/28/2004	4/3/2004	5,044
15	4/4/2004	4/10/2004	5,379
16	4/11/2004	4/17/2004	6,593
17	4/18/2004	4/24/2004	4,243
18	4/25/2004	5/1/2004	7,295
19	5/2/2004	5/8/2004	5,983
20	5/9/2004	5/15/2004	7,929
21	5/16/2004	5/22/2004	8,623
22	5/23/2004	5/29/2004	8,859
23	5/30/2004	6/5/2004	9,990
24	6/6/2004	6/12/2004	9,384
25	6/13/2004	6/19/2004	9,902
26	6/20/2004	6/26/2004	11,314
27	6/27/2004	7/3/2004	14,108
28	7/4/2004	7/10/2004	11,175
29	7/11/2004	7/17/2004	12,004
30	7/18/2004	7/24/2004	11,963
31	7/25/2004	7/31/2004	12,558
32	8/1/2004	8/7/2004	16,581
33	8/8/2004	8/14/2004	24,386
34	8/15/2004	8/21/2004	17,139
35	8/22/2004	8/28/2004	20,181
36	8/29/2004	9/4/2004	22,209

37	9/5/2004	9/11/2004	19,090
38	9/12/2004	9/18/2004	22,979
39	9/19/2004	9/25/2004	22,248
40	9/26/2004	10/2/2004	68,049
41	10/3/2004	10/9/2004	13,091
42	10/10/2004	10/16/2004	11,203
43	10/17/2004	10/23/2004	8,434
44	10/24/2004	10/30/2004	2,196
45	10/31/2004	11/6/2004	8,083
46	11/7/2004	11/13/2004	2,646
47	11/14/2004	11/20/2004	1,579
48	11/21/2004	11/27/2004	1,013
49	11/28/2004	12/4/2004	1,655
50	12/5/2004	12/11/2004	1,482
51	12/12/2004	12/18/2004	1,469
52	12/19/2004	12/25/2004	1,406
53	12/26/2004	12/31/2004	1,965
Total	1/1/2004	12/31/2004	517,056

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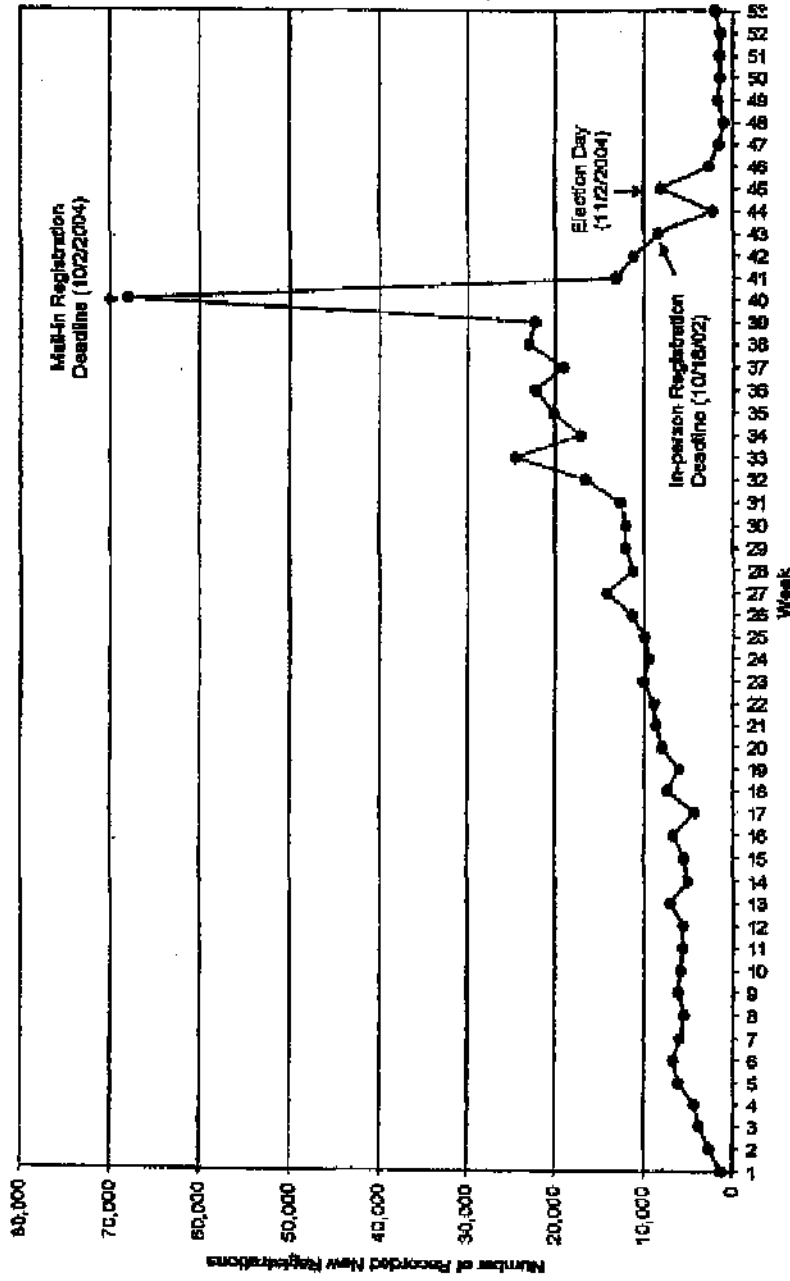


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