

DECLARATION OF JERRY THOMAS

My name is Jerry Thomas, Jr., and I am over the age of 18 and fully competent to make this declaration. Under penalty of perjury, I declare the following:

1. I am a registered Georgia voter and resident in Fulton County.
2. I am a United States citizen and am 68 years old. I have not been declared mentally incompetent by a judge, and I am not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction.
3. I am an art dealer and consultant specializing in original investment quality African and African American art. I am also an attorney who provides legal consultation on an ad hoc basis.
4. On April 8, 2020 I filled out an absentee ballot request form, signed it, scanned it, and e-mailed it to elections.voterregistration@fultoncountyga.gov.
5. On Monday, June 1, 2020, about a week before the election, I still had not received my absentee ballot, and I was concerned. So I called the Election Director's office that and left a voicemail.
6. The email communications I refer to in this declaration has been attached to this declaration.
7. A Registration Officer from the office called back in the early afternoon. The registration offer instructed me to re-email my absentee ballot application. I re-mailed the application, and they confirmed receipt and said my absentee ballot would be mailed on that day, Monday June 1, 2020.

8. On Wednesday, June 3, I still had not received my absentee ballot so I emailed them that afternoon to ask about it. The Registration Officer said, "We mail all ballots via U.S. Postal Service. The only other option I can give you is to go vote early or vote on Election Day."

9. On Thursday, June 4, I called the office and told them I had not received my absentee ballot, and they told me to give it until Friday.

10. On Friday, June 5, I still had not received my absentee ballot. So, I went to two early voting locations: the C.T. Martin Recreation Center and the Sandy Springs Library.

11. There were long lines of cars and people at both places. When I saw the voter lines, I realized that voting that day would risk my health or life because of the COVID-19 pandemic. At my age, I am considered high-risk. I also did not want to contract it and pass it along to my wife who is also in a high-risk category. So I went home.

12. That day, I emailed the Registration Officer again telling her what happened that day and asked if I could personally pick one up from their office on Monday. If not, I asked to speak with her supervisor.

13. I followed up that email with another call, and this time I spoke with the supervisor. This time I was told that on June 5, they would overnight the absentee ballot to me.

14. I did not get an absentee ballot that weekend. So, on Monday, June 8, the day before election day, I called the office again. The office assured me that my absentee ballot had been sent overnight on Friday and that I should receive it later that day. I did not get it that day.



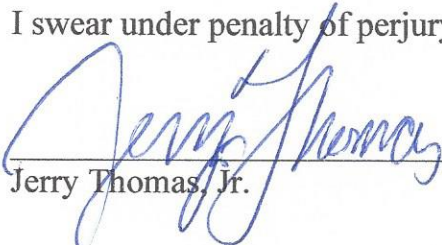
15. I did not vote in-person on Election Day because I am at high-risk of potentially dying from COVID-19, and I knew that the lines would be dangerous.

16. I received my absentee ballot by United States Postal Service, First-Class, the day after Election Day, on Wednesday, June 10. At no time did I receive an absentee ballot from any overnight delivery service.

17. It is my custom and practice to vote in every general and primary election. The June 9, 2020, election was the first time that I did not vote either on election day or early voting, in over 20 years.

18. I go to the Post Office to get stamps. I do not have stamp scales.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.


Jerry Thomas, Jr.

June 29, 2020
Date