

DECLARATION OF MARION WARREN

My name is Marion Warren 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 Hancock county.
2. I am a United States citizen and am 63 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 African-American, and I believe that the right to vote is one of the most important rights that we have in our democracy.
4. I voted by absentee ballot in the primary election. I did not want to risk voting in-person during the coronavirus pandemic because I am older.
5. I am highly involved in my community. My efforts are centered around voter education.
6. When I found out that people would have to use their own stamps to vote by mail in this election, I wanted to make sure postage was available for people who want to vote absentee but who couldn't afford the cost of the stamp.
7. Although I can personally afford the cost of a stamp, I know many people in my community who can't afford to buy stamps or who can't get them easily, and who would not vote if they had to get their own stamps.

8. Before the election, I spoke to the supervisor of the post office in Hancock county, who told me that that he was required to reject ballot applications if they did not have a stamp.
9. I bought stamps for voters who couldn't afford it using financial resources provided to me by Black Voters Matter as well as my own personal funds.
10. About one week before the election, I bought \$110 worth of stamps. I gave those stamps to organizers who distributed the stamps to voters in lower income communities so that they could use the stamps on their ballots.
11. The organizers ended up distributing all of the stamps I had provided for people to use on their absentee ballot envelopes.
12. I also created an account at my local post office so that whenever an absentee ballot was received by the post office without postage (or with insufficient postage), stamps from my paid account could be used.
13. A week before the primary election, I purchased \$110 worth of stamps for my postal account to be available for any mail-in ballots that were sent with insufficient or no postage.
14. I would estimate that at least 20 people who I spoke to never received their ballot even after they applied for an absentee ballot.

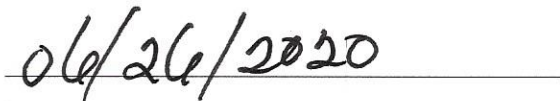
15. I heard from both an election observer as well as a local candidate that it took Hancock County from approximately 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. to count 1,450 absentee ballots on the night of the primary election.

16. I believe that having a postage requirement for absentee ballots during a pandemic is a form of voter suppression, because it makes it harder for people in my community to vote in elections.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marion Warren", written over a horizontal line.

Marion Warren

A handwritten date "06/26/2020" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date