

Sworn Affidavit of Darlene Judd, 26 Pheasant Run, Chatham Illinois 62629

The following is my sworn statement pertaining to my discovery of my campaign petition being tampered with.

On November 21st, 2016, I filed my petitions papers with the Chatham Village Clerk, Pat Schad, for my Village President Candidacy. Clerk Pat Scad was extremely rude during my interactions with him at that time. I asked if he was going to look the petition over and he said no. I responded with "oh", and he then snatched the papers from my clip board. He grabbed 'all' of the papers that were on my clip board which consisted of my candidate packet and an unrelated document pertaining to my campaign platform.

He told me if I had any questions, call my lawyer because he wasn't there to answer questions. I responded again with "oh". Clerk Schad then asked the girl in the office for a paper clip and said, there are too many papers here.. I asked for the documents not applicable to my petition packet to be handed back to me. Clerk Schad responded with NO . I said ok and left.

Upon notifying my husband that Clerk Schad had taken all my papers, he asked if my campaign platform paper was part of those papers Clerk Schad had taken. I informed him that yes, they were, and he advised that I go back and 'demand' the return of those papers.

When I went back to the Chatham Village office, Clerk Schad was not there. I asked the girl working in the office for my papers that Clerk Schad should not have taken. She didn't know about them and informed me she would call him. When she came back she said he wanted me to call him and gave me his number. Upon returning to my vehicle, I called him at the number provided. Clerk Schad informed me he would bring them to me at the Tuesday evening Board Meeting. I said that was fine. He also advised, if he forgot them, he would go back home immediately and get them, which I took to imply that my election petition packet and other papers were at his home.

I arrived early for the November 22nd, 2016, Chatham Village Board Meeting. Upon entry into the building I went directly to where Clerk Schad

was sitting. He then handed me the papers that were not needed and I noticed they were now stapled together.

I then asked for my petition packet documents, as I had been made aware of mistakes that I had made that could be objected to, and force me off the ballot. Clerk Schad asked why I wanted them back and I informed him that I didn't do them correctly and I needed to withdraw and redo them correctly.

Clerk Schad informed me that I didn't need to withdraw. I informed him of my concerns that anyone could contest my petition, and then I would not be able to run because I didn't fill them out correctly. Clerk Schad informed me that he has never had anyone contest anything before. I said 'yes', but they could mine. Clerk Schad then informed me that he, the Mayor, and the senior Trustee, would not allow me to be thrown off through an objection.


I then informed Clerk Schad that I just needed to withdraw and resubmit corrected documents. Upon telling this to the clerk, he turned to the Village attorney, Jeff Jurgens, and discussed the matter and informed the attorney that I wanted to withdraw and resubmit. The attorney asked Clerk Schad if he would be around for me to resubmit. He said 'no', he was leaving for California and would not be back until Monday. I reminded them we have until November 28th to file. Clerk Schad advised me there would be someone at the village utility office to accept my petitions.

The attorney, Jeff Jurgens, stated, I see no reason to not give them to her. Clerk Schad did say he thought there might be something to sign and he was going to make a note that he gave my papers back. I agreed to sign the note that he gave me my papers back. However, Clerk Schad never provided such a note for me to sign. The Village Attorney was there the whole time Clerk Schad and I were talking.

Upon receiving my papers, I found that my concerns related to a potentially fatal filing, had been corrected. My papers were now stapled together and the pages were now numbered. My primary reason for withdrawing was because those very documents were not stapled, nor numbered, which I understand would be fatal errors in a petition objection.

The above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Darlene Judd  


Acknowledgement in an individual capacity:

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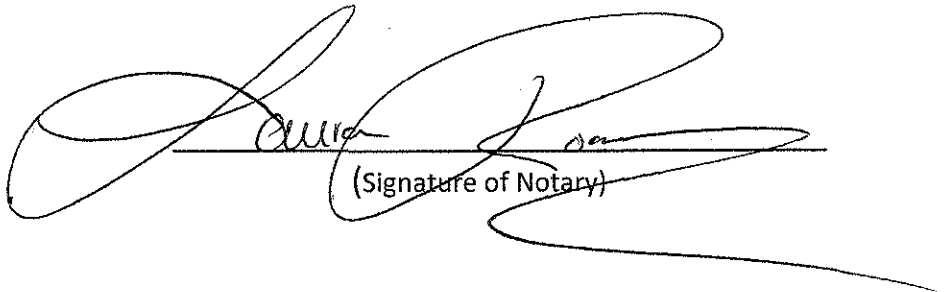
Darlene Judd  
Affidavit for campaign petition being tampered with,  
accountability of what happened

State of : Illinois  
County of : Sangamon

This instrument was acknowledged before me on 12/5/16 (date)

by Darlene Judd (name(s) of person(s).)

(seal)

  
(Signature of Notary)

