

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF FLORIDA, AND BILL  
NELSON FOR U.S. SENATE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KENNETH DETZNER, in his official  
capacity as the Florida Secretary of State,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:18-CV-00520-MW-MJF

**SECRETARY'S NOTICE OF FILING  
DECLARATION OF MARIA MATTHEWS**

Consistent with the Court's oral instructions during the 1:00PM hearing on November 15, 2018, Defendant, Florida Secretary of State Kenneth Detzner submits the attached Declaration of Maria Matthews, which was previously provided to the Court and the parties.

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Dated: November 15, 2018

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served to all counsel of record through the Court's CM/ECF system on this 15th day of November, 2018.

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**DECLARATION OF MARIA MATTHEWS**

I, Maria Matthews, according to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby state:

1. My name is Maria Matthews. I am over 18 years of age, am competent to testify, and declare the following facts based on my own personal knowledge.

2. I have served as the Division Director of the Division of Elections of the Florida Secretary of State for over 5 years. As Director, my role is to provide statewide coordination, supervision, and direction of elections under Florida's election laws.

3. At approximately 10:40 AM today, I received a copy of the Plaintiffs' Emergency Motion Requesting Order for Secretary to Issue List of Ballots Eliminated for Signature Mismatch. DE 52.


4. This Emergency Motion asks this Court to order the Secretary of State to “immediately produce, both to Plaintiffs and publicly, a list of all voters whose ballots were determined to contain a mismatched signature and have not yet been cured, and/or that the Secretary of State require that supervisors of elections produce such lists, both to Plaintiffs and publicly, for their respective counties by 1 p.m. on November 15, 2018.” DE 52.

5. As Director of the Division of Elections, I do not have ready access to this data. Supervisors are not required to report this data to me. The Supervisors are custodians of these records.

6. If this Court directs the Secretary to issue an order directing supervisors to provide this data, we are dependent on if and/or whether the Supervisors of Elections would be able to supply us with the information within the limited timeframe prescribed.

I say nothing further.

On November 15, 2018, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct:

/s/ 

Maria Matthews