

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CAROLINA MORRIS; ¿OISTE?; and the
MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRATIC STATE
COMMITTEE,

Civil Action No. 01-CV-11889-WGY

Plaintiff

CITY OF LAWRENCE; MARCOS DEVERS, Acting
Mayor of Lawrence; LAWRENCE BOARD OF
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS; ROBERT HUTTON,
Chairperson, JAMES DRISCOLL, RONALD
MARTIN, members of the Lawrence Board of
Registrars of Voters; and JAMES MCGRAVEY,
City Clerk and member of the Lawrence Board of Registrars
of voters,

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF MARCOS A. DEVERS

I, Marcos A. Devers, Mayor of the City of Lawrence, on oath depose and
say as follows:

1. On October 4 , 2001, before the city's preliminary election, I invited all of the candidates to a meeting in my office to discuss allegations about the possibility of voter fraud. This concern had been expressed to me by candidates.
2. At the meeting, we discussed the issue of requesting identification based on the Massachusetts regulation 950 CMR § 53.03 (5B0; 950 CMR § 54.04(6B) , which was provided to me by one of the candidates for mayor.
3. At the meeting, several of the candidates stated that they believed there were irregularities such as people voting who were dead. There were also some concerns with absentee ballots, and people from other communities voting in Lawrence.
4. The candidates were in favor of asking for identification based on the regulation. However, the candidates decided, by a vote of 5-4, not to ask for identification before the primary because there was no time. I was the tie-breaking

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vote. We all decided to ask for identification at the November election. I thought this was a democratic process that took into consideration the opinions of everyone at the meeting.

5. I made the decision to ask the Board of Registrars to implement an identification system at the November election.

6. Both before and since this decision, many people in the community have suggested that the city require identification at the polls, and have indicated their support.

7. I have been to several neighborhood associations to explain the system and answer questions.

8. I have spoken to the local newspapers both English and Spanish, and have been on English and Spanish-language radio stations, and on the local cable television station to talk about the identification system.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this fifth day of November, 2001,



Marcos A. Devers