

DECLARATION OF LOREE D. JONES

LOREE D. JONES, being duly sworn under penalty of perjury, declares that the following is true and correct:

1. I am a registered voter in Philadelphia, and a very active contributor to civic life in my hometown.
2. Currently, I serve as Executive Director of a non-profit community development corporation, Manayunk Development Corporation.
3. From September 2002 through January 2008, I served as an official of the City of Philadelphia. I served as First Deputy Managing Director and Chief of Staff to the Managing Director (2002-2006); as Secretary of External Affairs (2006-2007); and as Managing Director (2007).
4. As Managing Director, which is essentially the chief operating officer of the City, I was responsible for the oversight of 16 operating departments and offices and approximately 20,000 employees. As Secretary of External Affairs, I was responsible for intergovernmental relations and communications policy for the city. As First Deputy Managing Director/Chief of Staff, I led "Project Brotherly Love," the city's award winning Hurricane Katrina relief effort.
5. From 1999 to 2002, I served as Executive Director of the African Studies Association, a non-profit organization that is the largest scholarly association for the study of Africa in the world.
6. I have been recognized for my civic service by the Urban League of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Tribune, Woodrock Inc., the Urban Education Fund, the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, and Leadership Philadelphia. In addition, I was selected

as an Eisenhower Fellow and a British American Project Fellow; both are international leadership exchange programs.

7. Over the years, I have observed how elections are conducted in Philadelphia. Voting machines regularly break down in precincts throughout the City. The machine breakdowns cause long lines of voters at precincts citywide, and voters are turned away from the polls.

8. It is highly likely that these problems will reoccur during the upcoming election on November 4, 2008. It is also likely that, given recent efforts to register additional voters and the attention on the upcoming presidential election, more voters will go to the polls on Election Day. As a result, it is foreseeable that voting machines citywide will break down on November 4, 2008, and that the volume of voter will be high causing long lines of voters and many people being turned away from the polls.

9. I am concerned that the anticipated high number of voters and machine breakdown will increase wait times and possibly lead to the disenfranchisement that results when voters are turned away from the polls as a result of voting machine breakdowns or discouraged from voting as a result of extremely long lines.

10. There is a virtually cost-free means of alleviating these problems which can be implemented on November 4, 2008. If poll workers distribute emergency paper ballots when 50% of the voting machines in a precinct are non-operational, it is less likely that there will be long lines of voters or that voters will be turned away from the polls.

11. I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: October 22, 2008
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania


LOREE D. JONES