

DECLARATION OF JEREMY PLANK

I, JEREMY PLANK state the following under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the penalties provided for under Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure:

1. I am competent to testify to the matters stated in this Declaration.
2. I am a resident of Madison County, Illinois and I am a Republican Precinct Committeeman in that county. Part of Madison County is in the 15th Illinois Congressional District, part is in the 12th Congressional District and part is in the 13th Congressional District.
3. On April 18, 2018 I attended the Madison County Republican Convention as a Precinct Committeeman. On the agenda was an election for County Chairman and voting for State Central Committeeman. I was a candidate for Madison County Republican Chairman.
4. At the Convention, I won a contested election for County Chairman, assumed the role of Chairman of the Convention for the balance of the Convention. This was my first experience in being the Chairman of a Republican County Convention.
5. After the election of new Chairman and subsequent elections of Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, the next item on the Agenda was the Precinct Committeeman vote for Republican State Central Committeeman, in which the Precinct Committeeman for Madison County would cast weighted votes along with Precinct Committeeman located in conventions across their respective Districts.
6. From a prior announcement from the Illinois Republican Party, I was aware of the candidates for both the 12th, 13th and 15th Congressional Districts. I knew that Robert Winchester and Chapin Rose were candidates in the election for State Central Committeeman for the 15th Congressional District.

7. After announcing the candidates for the respective Districts, I had the Secretary of the Meeting, Amy Maher, record the votes while I conducted a voice vote for each of the 12th and 13th Districts as there was only one candidate for each of those Districts. I conducted a roll call vote for the 15th District with each Precinct Committeeman stating his vote in his or her respective race for State Central Committeeman. By this procedure, what is called a "Weighted Raw Vote" for the election in the 15th District was obtained. When added to an apportionment of the weighted vote for precincts for which no Committeeman voted, a total weighted vote would be obtained. I did not do the calculation for the total weighted vote, as the Illinois Republican Party staff instructed all County Chairmen to submit only the Weighted Raw Vote to the Party staff via a "Google Sheet" emailed to me prior to the meeting.

8. After the roll call vote, the Precinct Committeeman of the three Districts broke out into caucuses for each District to elect local District officers. At the time, the Convention was not adjourned, and would not be adjourned until a motion for adjournment was passed after the District caucuses had met.

9. I participated in the caucus for my District, the 12th District, and returned to the front of the room to monitor events as Chairman.

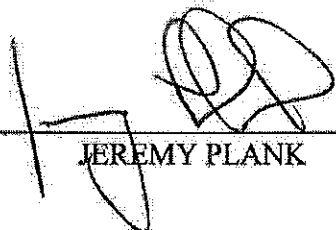
10. After I had returned to the front of the room I was approached by members of the caucus of the 15th District, including but not limited to Precinct Committeeman Jason Plummer, who stated that in their caucus a motion had been made, seconded and approved for a unanimous vote for Robert Winchester for 15th District State Central Committeeman. I was near the caucus site and saw other 15th District Precinct Committeeman gesturing to signify their agreement to the measure. I did not notice the absence of any 15th District Precinct Committeemen whom I knew to be at the Convention. None of the Precinct Committeemen stated any opposition to the

motion for a unanimous vote. No objection by a Precinct Committeeman was made to me as Chairman on the unanimous vote, and I made no ruling about it as Chairman.

11. Being a new Chairman and unsure of the unanimous vote process, I turned to look at the Convention Secretary Amy Maher for guidance. Standing right by Ms. Maher was John Hansen, an attorney who was not a Precinct Committeeman. I did not see Mr. Hansen talk to Ms. Maher at the time, but I did see what I thought was Ms. Maher nodding her head in a manner signifying "no" while looking at me. I understood this nodding to mean that Ms. Maher was advising me not to accept a unanimous vote in the 15th District. I remained undecided on how to resolve the situation at the time, but since the Convention business was done I allowed the Convention to adjourn.

12. I did not report the State Central Committeeman vote from Madison County at the Convention, but did so one to two days later. I believed that the Precinct Committeemen of the 15th District had approved a unanimous vote, but I remained unsure of the validity of such a vote. Given my uncertainty, upon consideration I decided that the best course was simply to report the Weighted Raw Vote of the 15th District to the Illinois Republican Party, and did so. I did not report the vote to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

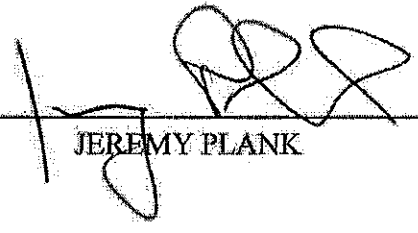
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CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.



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