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9	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO			
10	AURORA CLARK,) Case No.		
11	Contestant,)) STATEMENT OF ELECTION CONTEST		
12	VS.) (Elec. Code, § 16400)		
13	JOHN McCANN, and DOES 1 through 10))		
14	Defendant.)) Date Filed: January 2, 2015		
15	SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF)		
16	VOTERS, MICHAEL VU,))		
17	Nominal Defendant (CCP § 382)))		
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	Statement of Election Contest			
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Pursuant to California Elections Code section 16000 et seq., Contestant AURORA CLARK ("Contestant"), files this statement of election contest and alleges as follows:

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1. Contestant AURORA CLARK is a qualified elector of the City of Chula Vista, County of San Diego, State of California in which a contested run-off election for the office of Chula Vista City Council, Seat 1 was held on November 4, 2014. Contestant is pursuing

the election contest on behalf of herself, all registered voters in City of Chula Vista and the

general public.

2. Defendant JOHN McCANN was declared elected to that office on December 2, 2014, by the San Diego County Registrar of Voters Michael Vu when the election results were certified.

- 3. Nominal Defendant San Diego County Registrar of Voters Michael Vu may be subject to an order of this court to count previously uncounted ballots for the City of Chula Vista run-off election for the office of Chula Vista City Council, Seat 1 and potentially certify new election results.
- 4. The true names and capacities of the parties identified as DOES 1 through 10 are unknown to Contestant, who will seek the Court's permission to amend this pleading in order to allege the true names and capacities as soon as they are ascertained. The Clerk of the City of Chula Vista and/or the City Council may be required to take action in the event the certified election results change as a result of this election contest and if necessary this election contest can be amended to expedite any order of the court.
- 5. On or about June 3, 2014, the city of Chula Vista held an election for city council Seat 1 for the purpose of filling a vacancy in this office. The names of the 6 candidates John McCann, Steve Padilla, Robert Corcilius, Jason Paguio, Heideh Rivera, and Scott Vinson appeared on the ballot for election to the office of City Council, Seat 1.
- 6. A run-off election was held on November 4, 2014 between the top vote recipients in the June 3, 2014 election, Defendant JOHN McCANN and Steve Padilla. On or about December 2, 2014, the San Diego County Registrar of Voters Michael Vu certified the

results of the official canvass showing JOHN McCANN to be the winner of the election by two votes. The certified vote totals from the official canvass were: Defendant McCANN – 18,448 votes, and Steve Padilla – 18,446 votes.

- 7. The Supreme Court of California has consistently stated that the paramount goal of the electoral process is to protect and ascertain the will of the people. This principle is applied not just on Election Day, but also in the context of a recount and during an election contest. "It is the primary purpose of the election contest provisions to ascertain the will of the people and to make certain that mistake or fraud has not frustrated the public volition." *Enterprise Residents Legal Action Against Annexation Committee v. Brennan* (1978) 22 Cal.3d 767, 774. "The right to vote on an equal basis with other citizens is a fundamental right in our democratic society and one of the basic civil rights of man which preserves all other rights." *Collier v.Menzel* (1985) 176 Cal.App.3d 24, 31.
- 8. Contestant files this election contest because following the certification of the November 4, 2014 run-off election for the Chula Vista City Council, Seat 1, which the Registrar of Voters determined on December 2, 2014 resulted in Defendant JOHN McCANN being elected by a margin of two votes, it was discovered that at least 15 votes cast in the election were not counted as legal votes. Specifically, errors were made such that the Elections Code was not followed with respect to counting provisional and vote by mail ballots. Under California law, the lack of a residence address on a vote by mail identification envelope does not affect the validity of the vote by mail ballot as long as the signature compares with that of the signature on file. Wilks v. Mouton (1986) 42 Cal.3d 400, 413 superseded by statute on other grounds as stated in Gooch v. Hendrix (1993) 5 Cal.4th 266, 280 n. 8. Similarly, provisional votes should be counted as legal votes as long as the signature on the provisional ballot matches the signature on file with the Registrar of Voters. The address on the provisional ballot cannot be grounds for disallowing a vote and disenfranchising the voter.
- 9. The City of Chula Vista City Council races have a history of being decided by very few votes and the election of Defendant JOHN McCANN should be set aside if after

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- 10. This Statement of Election Contest is filed pursuant to California Elections Code section 16100 on the grounds that, inter alia, (i) eligible voters who attempted to vote in accordance with the laws of the state were denied their right to vote (Elec. Code, § 16100(e); (ii) the precinct board in conducting the election or in canvassing the returns made errors sufficient to change the result of the election as to Defendant (§ 16100 (f)); and (iii) there was an error in the vote-counting programs or summation of ballot counts (§ 16100 (g)).
- 11. More specifically, Contestant alleges that there are at least an additional 15 legal votes cast that were not included in the certified vote total for the Chula Vista City Council seat, a sufficient number to change the outcome of the election. Contestant, through its legal counsel, has met with County Council and in order to preserve the privacy and identities of the voters whose ballots are at issue, have assigned a number for each ballot being contested. Not all ballots being contested identify precinct numbers and County Council and Contestant have agreed that should the Court require a precinct number, this issue will be researched and each voter will be assigned a corresponding precinct.
- 12. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the provisional ballot cast by Voter 1 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 1's ballot should be included in the final election tally because

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Voter 1 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.

- 13. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the provisional ballot cast by Voter 2 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 2's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 2 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.
- 14. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the provisional ballot cast by Voter 3 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 3's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 3 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.
- 15. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the provisional ballot cast by Voter 4 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 4's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 4 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.
- 16. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the provisional ballot cast by Voter 5 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 5's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 5 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.
- Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the 17. provisional ballot cast by Voter 6 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 6's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 6 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.

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- 18. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the provisional ballot cast by Voter 7 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 7's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 7 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.
- 19. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the provisional ballot cast by Voter 8 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 8's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 8 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.
- 20. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the provisional ballot cast by Voter 9 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 9's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 9 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.
- 21. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the provisional ballot cast by Voter 10 was improperly not counted because the address on the provisional ballot. Voter 10's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 10 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.
- 22. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the vote by mail ballot cast by Voter 11 was improperly not counted because Voter 11 was not registered to vote by mail. Voter 11's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 11 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges the Voter 11 appeared at the polling location with the mail ballot but she was not provided with a provisional ballot or regular ballot to cast her vote. This vote should not be disregarded

because of an error made by the voting precinct worker for failing to identify that Voter 11 was not registered to vote by mail.

- 23. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the vote by mail ballot cast by Voter 12 was improperly not counted because Voter 12 was not registered to vote by mail. Voter 12's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 12 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges the Voter 12 appeared at the polling location with the mail ballot, but was not provided with a provisional ballot or regular ballot to cast her vote. This vote should not be disregarded because of an error made by the voting precinct worker for failing to identify that Voter 12 was not registered to vote by mail.
- 24. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the vote by mail ballot cast by Voter 13 was improperly not counted because the Registrar of Voters determined that the signature on the ballot did not match the signature on file. Voter 13's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 13 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature.
- 25. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the ballot cast by Voter 15 was improperly not counted. Voter 15's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 15 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature. If it is determined that Voter 15 voted twice, then Contestant will withdraw its challenge to Voter 15's ballot.
- 26. Contestant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the vote by mail ballot cast by Voter 16 was improperly not counted because the ballot was sent in late. Voter 16's ballot should be included in the final election tally because Voter 16 is a registered voter in Chula Vista and the signature matched the voter registration signature. If it is subsequently determined that the ballot was not mailed timely, Contestant will withdraw its challenge of Voter 16's ballot.

- 27. The errors and conduct described above were sufficient in number and scope to change the result of the election if a sufficient number were cast in favor of candidate Steve Padilla to be declared elected to the City Council instead of Defendant. If after counting all of the 15 votes as required by law, there are a sufficient number of votes cast for candidate Steve Padilla and included in the certified vote total as required by law, and the number of legal votes cast for candidate Steve Padilla is greater than the number of legal votes cast for Defendant, then candidate Steve Padilla would be and is entitled to be declared elected to the Chula Vista City Council.
- 28. The errors and conduct described above have unlawfully and unconstitutionally disenfranchised eligible voters in the City of Chula Vista, and have denied them their fundamental right to vote and their rights to due process and the equal protection of the laws. The failure and refusal to count the legal votes as votes for candidates in the Chula Vista City Council Election, as set forth above, violates the California Elections Code, and the United States and California Constitutions.

WHEREFORE, Contestant AURORA CLARK prays:

- 1. That the ballots identified in paragraphs 12-26 be opened and included in the election of the Chula Vista City Council Seat 1;
- 2. That if after including the additional ballots there are sufficient votes to set aside the election of JOHN McCANN, that the election of John McCANN be set aside;
- 3. That if after including the additional ballots there are sufficient votes for candidate Steve Padilla, that candidate Steve Padilla be elected to the Chula Vista City Council, Seat 1 and ordering that a certificate of election be issued to him forthwith;
 - 4. Awarding Contestant its costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees;
- 5. Granting Contestant such other, different or further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: January 2, 2015

John S. Moot, Esq. Søhwartz Semerdjian Ballard &

Schwartz Semerdjian Ballard & Cauley LLP Attorneys for Contestant Aurora Clark

VERIFICATION STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO I have read the foregoing STATEMENT OF ELECTION CONTEST (Elec. Code, § 16400) and know its contents. I am a party to this action. The matters stated in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I am informed and believe that they are true. Executed on January 02, 2015, at Chula Vista, California. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: JOHN McCANN, and DOES 1 through 10 (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Defendant. SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, MICHAEL VU, Nominal Defendant (CCP § 382) YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): AURORA CLARK NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a . continuación Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta, Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte publicada de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le que un acreta. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

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