

December 1, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR O`AHU COUNTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY

FROM: Marsha Joyner

SUBJECT: Complaint against the Democratic Party of Hawaii

Aloha,

It is with deep regret that I write to you to express my upset with the election debacle. I'm a registered voter in Hawaii Kai. I've been a registered voter in Hawaii since 1972 and have never missed an election. While my right to vote was not abridged, hundreds if not thousands of other Hawaii voters were. To paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "I cannot sit idly by and not be concerned about what happens in to other voters and candidates in Hawaii. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. He also reminded us that we will have to repent in this generation not merely for actions of the misguided people but for the appalling silence of the good people.

While I filed an official complaint against the Office of Elections and its employees including Mr. Scott Nago for denying people of Hawaii the right to vote at the prescribed location and time. I'm also complaining about the Democratic Party of Hawaii for not speaking out about this voter farce.

Therefore, as a card carrying member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii since 1972, the Past President of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition-Hawaii, A Civil Rights Movement Veteran, a four time Member of the Electoral College as well as a 25+ years of volunteering in the election process for the State of Hawaii, I have to sound an alarm.

I feel that the 20 + precincts which were denied sufficient ballots amounts to a violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act -TITLE42 - THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE CHAPTER 20 - ELECTIVE FRANCHISE SUBCHAPTER I- GENERALLY Sec. 1971. "Voting rights" -. Prohibited acts.

How did the Office of Elections determine how many ballots would be printed and distributed? As a registered voter I have a sacred right to expect that the Office of Elections would print and distribute enough ballots equal to the number of registered voters plus some for spoiled ballots. By not having enough ballots at every precinct for every registered voter at that precinct amounts to voter suppression. The Fifteenth Amendment (Amendment XV) to the United States Constitution prohibits each government in the United States from denying a citizen the right to vote.

When every campaign in the State of Hawaii had a major "get out the vote drive, what was the model or equation you used which allowed you to order insufficient ballots? How do you make whole the candidates who lost because of the shortage of ballots? An apology will not do. I think nothing short of a revote will do. You cannot quantify the negative impacts on the voters. The Democratic Party of Hawaii MUST take a stand!

Sincerely,

MarshaRose Joyner