

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

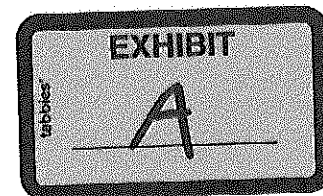
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE )  
 WITH DISABILITIES, FEDERATION OF )  
 WOMEN'S CLUBS OVERSEAS, INC., NEW )  
 MEXICO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH )  
 GROUP EDUCATION FUND, and )  
 SOUTHWEST ORGANIZING PROJECT, )  
 Plaintiffs, )  
 v. )  
 MARY HERRERA, in her capacity as )  
 Secretary of State, )  
 Defendant. )

No. CV-08-702 JOB/WDS

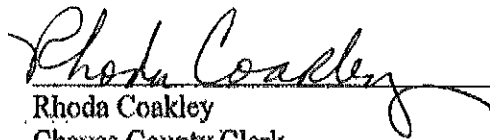
**AFFIDAVIT OF RHODA COAKLEY**

Duly sworn, and upon her oath, Rhoda Coakley states:

1. I am over the age of twenty-one and make these statements upon personal knowledge.
2. I am the elected Chaves County Clerk. I have served as either the Chief Deputy or County Clerk for Chaves County for thirty (30) years. As required by law, I have attended numerous election seminars held by the Secretary of State.
3. I have conducted between eight and ten training sessions this year on voter registration requirements. I have been willing to schedule these sessions at any reasonable time to accommodate people wanting this training.
4. In my thirty years' experience, I believe that other County Clerks throughout New Mexico would be very flexible and accommodating in scheduling training sessions.



5. I was approached by the Obama campaign about conducting a training session on voter registration requirements during the week of August 17, 2008. I advised them I would be happy to accommodate their request that the session be held at 6:00 p.m. I scheduled two 6:00 p.m. training sessions during that week.
6. The Obama campaign cancelled these training sessions, and told me they were being cancelled due to "lack of interest."
7. Once a registration form is turned into this office, we typically process that form within forty-eight hours, after which the voter, the public, candidates and other interested parties may access the registration data.
8. In my experience, I believe the forty eight hour deadline required by law for turning in voter registration forms cuts down on the possibility of theft of forms, loss of forms and mishandling of forms. It also provides for the timely processing of forms, including sending confirmation to newly-registered voters that they are registered. The deadline also provides some safeguard against fraud, as the confirmation cards we send out might alert voters of fraudulent activities.

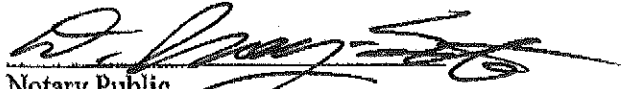
  
Rhoda Coakley  
Chaves County Clerk

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF CHAVES )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of August 2008 by Rhoda Coakley.

My commissions expires

5/30/2010

  
Notary Public

