

DECLARATION OF CAROLYN ANN THOMPSON

My name is Carolyn Ann Thompson. I am over the age of 18 and fully competent to make this declaration. Under penalty of perjury, I state the following:

1. I am the Florida Voter Protection Advocate for Advancement Project National Office. I have held this position for 10 years. My job is to advance access to the franchise by educating voters, especially in communities of color, and examining and resolving election administration problems by working with Florida election officials during and before elections. I also observe and monitor elections on Election Day and during early voting.
2. I am an African-American woman.
3. Today, I visited at least six polling locations in Broward County, Florida. Here are six polling locations with precinct numbers: (1) National Regional Library (E028); (2) Northwest Regional Library (G003); (3) Sunrise Civic Center (M015); (4) Welleby Elementary (M024); (5) Plantation Central Park (N018); and (6) West Glades Middle School (Q045).
4. I traveled in my car to visit these six polling sites from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
5. I spent approximately 30 minutes at each polling site listed above.
6. In all six sites listed above, I observed only a trickle of only one or two voters in the time that I was there. I did not observe any line of voters.
7. Based on my experience, this lack of any line is different from previous presidential preference primaries in Florida. In previous years, I recall lines of fifty to one hundred people at these sites. I recall that there were constant moving lines.
8. I also observed no younger people voting today. Based on my experience, this is different from previous presidential primaries in Florida. In previous years, I recall many younger people voting. Today, I did not see a single person under fifty-years-old who voted. This felt daunting to me.
9. I spoke to one poll worker at Northwest Regional Library who was disappointed in the voter turnout and worried about her own health. She also worried about coronavirus in general. She told me nobody knows who has it and she wished she could have a test. She had a sense of guilt that she may be exposing voters unknowingly to coronavirus.

10. I also spoke to a poll worker at Sunrise Civic Center who said she did not know if she would be able to work as a poll worker in the general if the usual long lines of voters returned.

11. At most sites, I observed poll workers wearing gloves. Those who work as the intake people – the people who take voters' identification documents – were gloved.

12. I observed no wipes at any site. I did not see any openly available.

Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 92.525: Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true.

s//Carolyn Ann Thompson
Signature

Carolyn Ann Thompson
Printed Name

Date: March 16, 2020