

My name is Meril Lara and I hereby declare as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein and would testify to the same if called as a witness in Court.
2. I am over eighteen years of age and am otherwise competent to testify.
3. I currently live in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. My current address is 7136 Oakland St, Philadelphia, PA 19149.
4. I am a registered voter at my current address. I have been registered to vote and a regular voter for over 8 years now.
5. I am 26 years old and identify as Hispanic.
6. In the November 2020 general election, I originally completed and mailed to election officials in my county a mail ballot on approximately October 22 or 23, 2020.
7. This ballot was cancelled or rejected because I failed to place it inside the secrecy envelope.
8. I learned that this ballot was rejected because I received an email from elections officials stating that my ballot was missing a second envelope. I tried calling the number provided in the email a few times but didn't get through to anyone.
9. Worried that my vote would not be counted, on Election Day, I went to my local polling place at the Solis Cohen School at 7001 Horrocks Street, Philadelphia, PA 19149. I completed a provisional ballot there.
10. Later, I saw on the Pennsylvania ballot tracking website that the status of my original ballot was updated to "cancelled."

11. I would be upset if my ballot were invalidated. I am a U.S. citizen. I pay taxes. A denial of my vote would tell me that I'm not an equal citizen of the United States, that my voice doesn't matter. My vote should and must be counted.

The statements made in this Declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Executed on November 8, 2020 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meril Lara', written above a horizontal line.

Meril Lara