

Declaration

I, Michael Castleman, who am over the age of 18 years and reside at 615 W. 115th St., New York, NY¹, declare that my right to vote as an enrolled Green Party member was violated on September 11, 2001 during the NYC primary election.

At approximately 8:15am, I attempted to vote at the Mayflower Development, 423 Riverside Drive. After the pollworker found my name in the poll book, he began to fill out a Green pollcard indicating that I was to vote in the Democratic primary. When I objected to this, noting that I am a member of the Green Party, he was confused and seemed unfamiliar with the concept of a Green Party primary. He was then convinced to fill out the proper salmon card which would serve to count me as a member of the Green Party, but was still unsure as to how to proceed with the election. Eventually, another pollworker came over to my table and knew that there were supposed to be paper ballots for the Green Party primary. However, after a search was made, no Green Party ballots could be found. So, the second pollworker placed a call to the Board of Elections requesting the delivery of ballots (apparently, no one had noticed the absence of such ballots until my attempts) and told me to return later in the day.

Because I am also an official Green Party Poll Watcher, I then visited several other polling places in the Morningside Heights area of Manhattan:

- At P.S. 36, 123 Riverside Drive, there were no Green Party ballots available.
- At the Columbia University House, 68 Tiemann Place, two Electoral Districts had no Green Party ballots, and one ED had some. They mentioned that they had telephoned the Board of Elections to request ballots for the districts without, but had not received any as of the time of my arrival.
- At the International Affairs Building, 420 W. 118th St., there were no Green Party ballots available. Some pollworkers, clearly ignorant of the existence of the Green Party, tried to tell me that the Democratic

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Party emergency ballots (which are green in color), were the Green Party ballots.

- At Lerner Hall, 2980 Broadway, there were no Green Party ballots available.

Thus, out of thirteen Electoral Districts I visited (3 at Mayflower Development, 3 at P.S. 36, 3 at Columbia University House, 2 at IAB, and 2 at Lerner Hall), twelve were completely without any Green Party ballots. In addition, no sample ballots were posted.

When I again attempted to vote at Mayflower Development at approximately 12:15pm, the polls had of course been closed due to the tragic events downtown.

I declare subject to the penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Michael Castleman
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