

Yakima County Auditor, Elections Division

voter registration challenge

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memo of hearing and decision

date of hearing Thursday, November 7, 2019

in attendance Charles Ross, Yakima County Auditor
Kathy Fisher, Yakima County Elections Manager
Yolanda Arellano, Yakima County Elections Office Coordinator
Lisa Homer, voter who submitted challenge
William Duerr, witness for Lisa Homer


hearing convened 10:00 a.m.


statement of challenge A voter registration challenge was submitted on October 28, 2019 by Lisa Homer, a registered voter, based on the belief that Elizabeth Hallock did not live at the address where she is registered to vote.
The challenge of the registration indicated that Elizabeth Hallock is registered to vote at:
3402 Roosevelt Ave
Yakima WA 98902
Lisa Homer submitted that Elizabeth Hallock actually resides at:
205 S 78th Ave
Yakima WA 98908

summary of hearing Elections Manager Kathy Fisher provided an overview of the hearing process. Auditor Charles Ross read into record the signed voter registration challenge declaration submitted by Lisa Homer.
All witnesses present were sworn in prior to providing testimony. Ms. Homer and Mr. Duerr spoke and presented declarations from Russell and Marlene Ozanich and Kelli Carter.
Auditor Ross read Ms. Hallock's declaration into record and presented previously submitted exhibits.
After a brief recess, Auditor Ross reconvened the meeting.
Auditor Ross reiterated that voter registration is a presumptive right, wherein Washington election law is inclusive and in favor of the participant of the electoral process. In conclusion, voter registration challenges must present clear and convincing evidence. This standard has a higher burden of proof; that there must be no plausible reason for events to be any different.

decision After reviewing the testimony and evidence presented, Auditor Ross found that the challenger did not present clear and convincing evidence to disqualify Ms. Hallock from being a registered voter at the address she indicates to be her primary residence. The challenge was dismissed.

hearing adjourned 11:15am

signed and dated 
Charles R. Ross
Yakima County Auditor

submitted by, date 
Kathy Fisher
Yakima County Elections Manager

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