

November 2, 2012

The Eagle Tribune
100 Turnpike Street
No. Andover, MA 01845

Attention: Keith Eddings

Dear Mr. Eddings

NOTE: *Primarily a product of brain function, handwriting produces patterns that are unique to the individual. An extensive Justice Department out-sourced study in 2003 found that handwriting is nearly as accurate (98%) as fingerprinting for proving individual identity.*

FORENSIC HANDWRITING EXAMINER'S REPORT

PART I – DOCUMENTS EXAMINED

The undersigned Certified Handwriting Examiner has studied and examined the Signature spaces on Page One and Two of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts STATE PRIMARY NOMINATION PAPER.

Certain Signature spaces bear the alleged handwritten/hand printed signature and registered address of four (4) voters.

Document bears the seal of the CITY CLERK LAWRENCE MA RECEIVED MAR 30 2012.

PART ONE

The four (4) signatures in question are:

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| 1. | NORMA FUERTE | 73 GREENWOOD |
| 2. | RAFAEL TEJEDA | 71 GREENWOOD ST |
| 3. | ALEJANDRINA REYES | 77 greenwood |
| 4. | NARCISO MEJIA | 79 GREENWOOD |

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PART TWO – PRELIMINARY OPINION

Note: National professional standards and ethics require study and examination of the original document in order to provide a final conclusive opinion. Further exemplars from the same time period is mandatory.
As this is not possible at the moment, a Preliminary Opinion is acceptable.

Using the hand printing of the above four (4) alleged individuals and one 1996 photocopy of a voter registration form, authored by Rafael Tejada, as the basis for comparison, it is the preliminary opinion of this Examiner, within a reasonable degree of certainty that:

- A. The individual hand printed signature of the above identified three (3) alleged voters were authored by Rafael Tejada who is also identified as a fourth signer.
- The individual hand printed address of 73 GREENWOOD; 71 GREENWOOD ST (Registered address of Rafael Tejada) and 79 GREENWOOD were authored by Rafael Tejada.
- B. There are sufficient factors of letter stroke similarity in the hand printing to indicate they were authored by the Rafael Tejada.
- C. The 1996 voter registration form authored by Rafael Tejada bears identical hand printed capital and lower case letter stroke formations as those found on the 2012 questioned form.

As a result, this 1996 document, in the opinion of this Examiner, is a relevant exemplar and can and should be used for comparison purposes.

PART THREE – BASIS FOR PRELIMINARY OPINION

This preliminary opinion is based on the following Pattern Recognition Factors:

RE: PART II, A.

The style, slant and flow of the four (4) hand printed signatures and three (3) addresses are the same. Further, the individual letter stroke characteristics, printing habits and idiosyncrasies of Mr. Tejada are the same.

RE: PART II, B.

There are definitive factors of letter stroke characteristics (personal printing habits and idiosyncrasies) that are present in the known Rafael Tejada exemplars the other three (3) questioned hand printed signatures and two addresses. These specifically noted as, but not limited to, the following:

1. The hand printed capital A's, D's, E's, J's, N's, R's.
2. The hand printed lower case i's, r's.

These factors, found in the questioned hand printing, reflect the unconscious printing habits of Rafael Tejada and establish the preliminary opinion cited in Part II, B.

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Sincerely,

Ronald H. Rice