

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

January 27, 2009 Letter Saying That The Database Only Has Voting Records Of Some Individuals Going Back To 1992

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January 27, 2009

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This letter is in response to the request you submitted to our Department on January 26, 2009 regarding obtaining voter registration verification for a Ms. Margaret C. Whitman.

Based on the names you have given us in your requests, we did not find anyone to match that individual. Therefore, Margaret Cushing Whitman aka Margaret C. Harsh was not found in our database as a registered voter of the City & County of San Francisco. This information was obtained by checking in our DIMS database system. Please keep in mind our database can only account for the voting history of some voters from 1992 to the present since the Department switched databases that year.

Please feel free to contact the Department or myself if you have any further questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Giannina Miranda".

Giannina Miranda
Executive Assistant

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October 1, 2009 Letter Saying That No Record Of Voting History Is Available Prior To 1992 For Not Only Meg Whitman But Also For Sen. Dianne Feinstein And Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

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John Arntz
Director

October 1st, 2009

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San Clemente, CA 92673

Dear Mr. Miller,

This letter is in response to the request you've submitted to our Department for voter registration information for Ms. Margaret C. Whitman. Based on that name you have given us in your request, we did not find anyone to match that individual. Also the names you have requested for prior registration information for the following individuals: Arthur Agnos, Dianne Feinstein, Richard Blum, Nancy Pelosi, Griffith Harsh, and [REDACTED], there is no registration records kept prior to 1992 kept by the Department. Please also keep in mind our database can only account for the voting history of voters from 1992 to the present since the Department switched databases that year.

Please feel free to contact the Department if you have any further questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jocelyn Wong", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jocelyn Wong
Campaign Services Coordinator

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October 1, 2009 Email From The Director Of The San Francisco Department Of Elections Saying That They Do Not Have Voter Registration Records For Registrations Cancelled Prior To 1992.

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Thomas Hiltachk

From: John Arntz [John.Arntz@sfgov.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:53 PM
To: Thomas Hiltachk
Subject: Re: Emailing: SCAN8559_000.pdf

Hi, Tom,

Our current system maintains voting history beginning in 1992, which means our database would not have a record for any person voting prior to November 1992. We cannot confirm or deny whether individual records for people whose registration was canceled prior to 1992 were included in the City's transition to the current system. For people who were registered to vote in San Francisco prior to 1992, and whose records were not canceled prior to 1992, their records were moved from a Unix system to the succeeding Windows-based database.

Please let me know if you have any more questions.

-John.

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From: "Thomas Hiltachk" <tomh@bmhlaw.com>
To: <john.arntz@sfgov.org>
Date: 10/01/2009 03:48 PM
Subject: Emailing: SCAN8559_000.pdf

<<SCAN8559_000.pdf>> John, thanks for taking the time during this busy season to discuss this with me. I have copied the Sacramento Bee story of September 24, 2009. As you can see the Bee reported that your Department informed them that had Ms. Whitman been registered to vote prior to 1992 and had voted, your current database would indicate such history. Can you please confirm to me that the Bee's explanation of your database is incorrect.

As we discussed, if a person had registered to vote prior to 1992 and his or her registration was cancelled prior to 1992 (for example because the person moved from the jurisdiction), the current database would have no information that could confirm or deny that the person was registered to vote or had in fact voted prior to 1992.

Additionally, please confirm that no voting history prior to 1992 is available in the current database for any registered voter. Thanks, Tom.

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

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HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

October 2, 2009 Letter Saying That Meg Whitman Was Registered In The Early 1980s

But *The Sacramento Bee* Said That Meg Was Not Registered In Hamilton County, Ohio. “She lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, from 1979 to 1981 after completing a master's degree in business administration at Harvard. Neither Ohio state elections officials nor Hamilton County Board of Elections officials found a record of Whitman registering or voting there.” (Andrew McIntosh, “Whitman's Voting Record Is Short, Sparse -- Unlike Rivals', Review Shows,” *Sacramento Bee*, 9/24/09)

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October 2, 2009

This letter is to verify that Margaret Cushing Whitman (born 8/4/1956) was registered to vote in Hamilton County, Ohio, on 4/22/1980. The registration was cancelled on 12/22,1982 stamped 'MOVED OUT OF COUNTY'. I read this information on a microfilm reader but cannot reproduce it in original form.

Sincerely,

Jean Beirise
Registration Clerk