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ORLANDO, Florida, November 2, 2016 – The Georgia Supreme Court rejected presidential candidate “Rocky” Roque De La Fuente’s appeal to be included on the state’s presidential ballot next week. However, De La Fuente believes he still may have proven his point.

De La Fuente, an independent candidate for President who also won the nominations of the Reform Party and the American Delta Party, has been at odds with Georgia since the beginning of the year. He previously petitioned to run in the Democratic primary, but the state’s Democratic Party denied him access. When he petitioned for reconsideration, he was rebuffed again by the Party without explanation, according to De La Fuente.

De La Fuente said, “The Georgia Democratic Party froze me out of the primary and refused to give me an explanation. They said it was not any of my business. So, whose business was it?”

In Georgia, as in many other states, political parties can decide whose name is included on the primary ballot. However, in Georgia and several other states, that decision is final. There are no alternative paths such as through signature petition.

When De La Fuente decided to continue beyond the Democratic primary, he found that he could force his way onto the ballot in the General Election via signature petition. However, his application was rejected by the Secretary of State’s office over a deadline issue and the failure to file a sufficient number of signatures.

The Georgia Supreme Court held that De La Fuente’s petition only included 2,946 valid signatures against the minimum standard of 7,500. It also found that he filed his slate of electors 11 days after the deadline.

De La Fuente argues that this simply demonstrates how arbitrary Georgia’s election laws are. He claims to have filed over 12,500 signatures and asks, “How is it possible that only 2,946 of them were deemed to be valid? We filed 167 percent of the required signatures and are expected to believe that less than 40 percent of them were valid. That’s absurd.”

As to the finding that he filed his slate of electors 11 days too late, De La Fuente concedes that this is technically correct. However, he adds, “We were given the wrong date by state officials. We actually

filed nearly 20 days before the date we were told.”

Georgia lost a United States District Court case on May 19, 2016, that challenged the state’s signature petition requirements (Green Party of Georgia and Constitution Party of Georgia v. State of Georgia and Brian Kemp, Georgia Secretary Of State). De La Fuente asserts that state employees may have provided the wrong date with respect to the elector deadline since “things were in a state of flux.”

While he lost in court, De La Fuente insists he won a moral victory. “I exposed the fact that Georgia will find a way to keep you off the ballot if they want to,” De La Fuente commented. “I find it interesting that the Green Party’s candidate was also denied ballot access even after that party litigated for years to secure the victory in court it had just been awarded.”

“Our political system is broken,” said De La Fuente. “And Georgia is just an example of how the powers that be will find a way to deny the people a choice if they want to.”

The General Election will be held on November 8, 2016.

BACKGROUND

“Rocky” Roque De La Fuente is living proof that the American Dream can be achieved by those who are inspired to pursue it. He has an amazing record of overcoming obstacles and achieving success. From being licensed by the FAA to fly single engine planes at the age of 20 to owning 28 automobile dealerships and becoming Chairman of the National Dealers Council for the third largest automobile manufacturer in the world by the age of 28, Rocky is in a league by himself. He also created a banking network in 1982 to help address an economic crisis in Mexico and established impressive real estate holdings throughout the United States while generating thousands of new jobs along the way. Rocky holds a bachelor’s degree in Physics and Mathematics (Magna Cum Laude) and exudes a passion for his country and for those who seek the opportunity to fulfill their version of the American Dream.

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