

De La Fuente Files Federal Election Suit in Florida

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, December 5, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ORLANDO, Florida, December 5, 2016 – "Rocky" Roque De La Fuente filed a lawsuit in federal court today in the Northern District of Florida to challenge the election process in that state. De La Fuente was the Reform Party's 2016 presidential nominee in Florida and ran primarily on the basis of bringing substantive election reform to the United States.

De La Fuente brought suit against County Supervisor of Elections Dr. Brenda C. Snipes, both personally and in her official capacity, and Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner in his official capacity.

Snipes allegedly committed acts and omissions that served as the direct and proximate cause of massive absentee ballot election fraud within Broward County in the 2016 Florida general election. De La Fuente's complaint is based upon a sworn affidavit submitted by a temporary employee of the Supervisor of Elections for Broward County who publicly alleged that she witnessed defendant Snipes' employees engaged in absentee voter fraud by systematically filling out blank ballots in a locked room.

The suit seeks to enjoin Detzner from applying Title IX, Chapter 102, Section 166 of the Florida Statutes, which fails to provide any review upon an allegation of election fraud. The statute prevents a recount from occurring unless the vote margin between the top two competitors is less than .25%. As such, De La Fuente's complaint asserts that the statute deters the discovery of election fraud and encourages massive election fraud because the larger the fraud the more likely that the election results will not be within the .25% margin.

De La Fuente said, "Effectively, Florida's statute says, 'If you're going to cheat, cheat big.' You just need to make sure your margin of victory is more than .25% to block any chance of a recount. That's ridiculous, and it fails to protect the rights of Florida's voters."

The complaint goes on to argue that the statute violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment because it precludes a recount other than under an extremely narrow set of circumstance, it provides "no avenue to review election ballots upon factual allegations of election fraud," and it "encourages election fraud because election officials, and others in a position to execute a fraudulent election scheme, can be reasonably confident that the challenged statute will prevent any examination and/or discovery of their unlawful conduct absent the existence of extraordinary third party testimonial evidence."

De La Fuente, a Florida resident, said he became interested in election reform when he was blocked by certain states and State Democratic Parties as he tried to participate in the Democratic presidential primary. For example, the Florida Democratic Party unilaterally denied ballot access to De La Fuente, which prevented him from appearing on that party's ballot during the Florida primary.

He also suggested that he was placed at a disadvantage in other state primaries and caucuses and even experienced potential election fraud in a number of states that use electronic voting systems. "In

almost every state that used electronic voting systems, we captured screen shots of my vote totals going down over the course of the evening which, of course, should be impossible," De la Fuente stated.

De La Fuente was the first to file for a recount in Wisconsin, which he withdrew when the state erected what he considered to be "unfair and unreasonable" filing fees that began at \$3.4 million and have since escalated well above that amount. Since then, he filed for a limited recount in Nevada, which is currently in process.

De La Fuente said, "My purpose isn't to change the results but rather to expose how weak we have allowed our election system to become. We must take steps to ensure that your vote counts for the candidate for whom it's cast."

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 in 2016, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by UNESCO for his work as an international business ambassador. Rocky continues to exude a passion for his country and for those who seek the opportunity to fulfill their version of the American Dream.

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