

**IN THE SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WILLIE “SHAWN” GREGORY,)
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 Petitioner,)
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 vs.)
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GAIL SIMPSON, and DON GRAY, as)
COUNTY CLERK OF SANGAMON)
COUNTY, ILLINOIS,)
)
 Respondents.)

NO.: 2019-EC-0001

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**RECOUNT HEARING OFFICER’S RESPONSE TO
PETITIONER’S MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION**

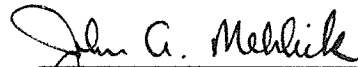
NOW COMES the Recount Hearing Officer, John A. Mehlick, and for his Response to the Petitioner, Willie “Shawn” Gregory’s Motion for Clarification, states as follows:

1. To clarify the language set forth in Section III. A. of my Recommendation submitted to the City Council on July 1, 2019, I intended to state that Ballot 79-006 was initialed correctly by agreement.
2. It was my previous understanding from the Briefs that the parties were agreeing to count Ballot 079-006.
3. Subsequent to submitting my July 1, 2019 Recommendation, and after review of the Motion for Clarification and the Briefs again, I now understand that Ballot 079-006 remains challenged.
4. Given my recommendation that Ballots 79-003 and 79-004 should not be counted due to the fact those two ballots were not properly initialed as required, I now recommend that Ballot 79-006 should not be counted for the same reason.
5. As a result, one vote should not be added to Senor. Thus, Senor’s total should be 386.

6. Not counting Ballot 079-006 does not change my recommendation as to totals for Gregory and Simpson.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, and to clarify my previously submitted Recommendation, I submit that one vote should not be added to Senor and that Senor's total should be 386. The totals for Gregory and Simpson remain unchanged, and my Recommendation stands as to those two candidates.

Respectfully submitted,



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