

First of all, I want to make it clear that I am a Hmong male. In Mr. Abley's response, he speaks entirely as if I was a female. That means he should have been able to hear my voice with ease. I also spoke about how there were only Caucasians while I was there, because I still believe that what happened between Mr. Abley and I were due to racism. I will explain what happened once again.

I am a Hmong male, who lives in a Caucasian household. I live with my partner and her grandparents, both who are in their 80s. My partner's grandfather is deaf and can only hear loud male voices even with hearing aids. Therefore, I fail to understand why Mr. Abley thinks I am being ageist and ableist. Back to the topic at hand, I have no doubt when I say Mr. Abley was kind to me. Even then, I still believe he was being racist towards me because he was blatantly ignoring me.

When my partner, her grandmother, and I reached the Town Hall of Union, the voting line had only reached the entry door. It had not yet extended outside. The voting line, on the other hand, had no one at all. That was until Bev came and asked if we were registering to vote. While this was occurring, there was a Caucasian male in front of me who also needed to register. Bev was very kind and brought the Caucasian male and I to the registry table. This table was placed exactly as Mr. Abley has stated.

When we reached the table, there were three chairs that were already taken. The three people in front of the Caucasian male and I had filled their forms and were waiting for Mr. Abley to return. As of now, Mr. Abley was not at the table. It wasn't until a few minutes later, Mr. Abley returned and helped finish the process of filling out the registration form. Mr. Abley was helping with filling out his side of the form. He would then also ask for a form of identification to make sure everything was written down

correctly. Then he explained to the three people already sitting down how to sign the form correctly. This was because the form had to be signed a certain way. It was at this point that Mr. Abley had asked the Caucasian male I was with and I to start filling out our forms. He gave us the registration forms and took the three people that were sitting down to the front of the voting line. This was so he could complete their registration. While he was doing so, the Caucasian male and I sat down and filled out our forms. Once we finished, we were only waiting for Mr. Abley to return so he could fill the rest of the form out and make any corrections if necessary. While we were waiting, three other people were now in the registry line. The Caucasian male and I had decided that the process may go faster if we let the others fill out their forms since we already completed ours. We then let the three people behind us sit down and start filling out their forms. I want to make it known that at this point, my partner and her grandparents have already finished with their voting. My partner's grandmother went and waited in the car while my partner waited for me by the exit door. The exit door was only a few feet away from the registration table.

The Caucasian male and I stood next to the table and not back in the line. Mr. Abley, at this point, had talked to us about filling our forms so should have known that we were next. But when Mr. Abley had returned, he saw the new group, and assisted them with filling out their forms. He also looked at the Caucasian male and I. This is where instead of bringing the Caucasian male and I to the voting line, Mr. Abley waited until the new group was done. Mr. Abley then explained how the Caucasian male had arrived first, so he will be finishing his form first. Yet, Mr. Abley did not mention me. Mr.

Abley then explained to two of three people behind us how to sign the form correctly. He also showed the Caucasian male. Once again, Mr. Abley ignored me. After all of this, he took the Caucasian male that was with me and two of the three people behind me to finish registering. I became furious. Mr. Abley had sat the Caucasian male and I down, he looked at me when he returned, and even mentioned how the Caucasian male had arrived first to the new group. Yet, he never mentioned me. This entire time, I was even standing to the side of the table close to Mr. Abley. I want to bring us back to the beginning, where I explained how I was the only Hmong person there. There were still only Caucasians other than me. It was at this point that I started to believe that Mr. Abley was discriminating against me because I was Hmong. I was the only one being treated this way. I was also the only Hmong person there at the time. While Mr. Abley was gone, two more people came in. They took the open seats and started filling out their forms. Mr. Abley finally returns and explains to the two new people how to fill out their forms. While returning, he looked at me again. I became very annoyed at this point. It was clear that he was recognizing me, but was still ignoring me anyway. After Mr. Abley helped the two new people sitting down, he finally explained how I would be going first. He then explained to us how to sign our form. It is clear that at this point in time, I have stood there and watched this process two times. I still listened and followed Mr. Abley's instructions. But, there was one difference between my explanation and the other groups. Mr. Abley looked at me and explained in a much slower way than with the other groups. It was as if he didn't think I understood how to speak proper English. This only infuriated me more, but I kept myself calm. Eventually, Mr. Abley finally took three of us to the voting line, where I was finally

then able to register and vote. After finally leaving, my partner and I went to the car, my partner's grandmother still waiting for us. When entering the car, her grandmother had exclaimed, "Why did you guys take so long? I've been waiting for an hour!"

As Mr. Abley stated in his response, he claims that he averaged 10 new registers per hour. When I arrived, not only did I wait for the first nor the second, but the third group until I could finish my registration. That entire time, I stood and waited. Doing simple math, I was with the seventh, eighth, and ninth registers. That means I did in fact wait approximately an hour before I finished my registration. Not only that but I was recognized by Mr. Abley, yet he still ignored me. My partner also stood next to the exit door and watched the whole process unfold.

This is now where I want it to be known again. I am a 20-year-old Hmong male and have never experienced racism before. I also live with a kind and loving Caucasian family. I have no ill will against Mr. Abley or any of the staff there. As I explained before, Bev was very kind. I only hope that others did not have the same experience as I did with Mr. Abley, nor going forward. I also want an explanation on why I was treated this way, which he never explains at all. Mr. Abley instead, seems to have spoken around the subject at hand, talking about the importance of his role, his life experience, and not of the experience of that day. Not only that, he even claimed me to be ageist and ableist in his response. It seems as though instead of speaking of the matter, he instead talks down on me. This was my first time voting and it was a terrible experience. I do not know if he is racist or not, but his acts are deemed racist acts. I was the only Hmong person there at the time and also the only one treated differently from the rest. Even if he isn't racist, he still seemed to be delaying or obstructing my vote for some sort of

reason. Maybe because I was Hmong, he had thought I would vote for a certain party. That in itself is an act of discrimination and racism.

I T ChengSeng Her, being first duly sworn on oath state that I personally read the above reply, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

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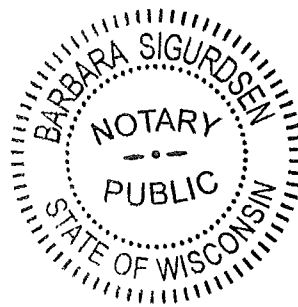
I Allison Martens (Witness), being first duly sworn on oath state that I personally read the above reply, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Allison Martens 17-11-2024

I notarize the above signatures

Barbara Sigurdson

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