

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Name The Original Black Panthers of Milwaukee, Darryl Farmer
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**State of Wisconsin
Before the Elections Commission**

The Complaint of the City of Milwaukee not establishing polling places at least 30
days before the Spring April 7, 2020 General Election, Complainant(s) against
Milwaukee Election Commission Executive Director Neil Albrecht & Commissioners, Respondent, whose
address is City Hall, Room 501, 200 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

This complaint is under 5.25(3) (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)

I, Darryl Farmer, allege that:

The following violation of WI State statutes pertaining to elections that took place
during the Spring April 7, 2020 General Elections: The City of Milwaukee did not
establish polling places 30 days before the Spring April 7, 2020 General Election and
did not notify the voting public of the polling places until April 3rd, 2020, four days
before the election (See attachment #1). MEC did not provide sufficient time to inform
the voting public of the polling places, resulting in voter suppression and voter
disenfranchisement because voters did not know what polling location to cast their vote.

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(Set forth in detail the facts that establish probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. Be as specific as possible as it relates to dates, times, and individuals involved. Also provide the names of individuals who may have information related to the complaint. Use as many separate pages as needed and attach copies of any supporting documentation.)

Date: 6/24/2020

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Complainant's Signature

I, **Darryl Farmer**, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, 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.

Darryl Farmer
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of **Milwaukee**,
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 24th day of
June, 2020.

[Signature]

(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

My commission expires 5-15-2021 or is permanent.

Notary Public or Marisel-Cruz, Assistant Branch Manager
(official title if not notary)



Please send this completed form to:
Mail: Wisconsin Elections Commission
P.O. Box 7984
Madison, WI 53707-7984
Fax: (608) 267-0500
Email: elections@wi.gov

Attachment #1

Subject: April 7, 2020 Polling Place Locations Notification

From: Albrecht, Neil

Date: Thu, Jun 18, 2020 2:38 pm

To: Chris Johnson

Hello Mr. Johnson,

As Ms. Gabriel is no longer with the Election Commission, I am providing a response to the records request you submitted on June 10.

As evidenced through the below email links, the identity of the five sites was released on April 3.

News of these sites was released through a media announcement and through social media.

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/04/03/coronavirus-milwaukee-election-officials-announce-5-voting-centers/2942990001/>

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/04/03/milwaukee-will-have-only-five-in-person-voting-sites/>

Thank you,

Neil Albrecht, Executive Director

City of Milwaukee Election Commission

200 E. Wells St., Room 501

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Milwaukee.gov/election

*Dollie L. Jackson
Milwaukee Support Center*



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DATE: March 12, 2020

TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
Wisconsin County Clerks
City of Milwaukee Election Commission
Milwaukee County Election Commission

FROM: Meagan Wolfe
Administrator

SUBJECT: Guidance Regarding Election Procedures and COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Governor Evers issued Executive Order #72 on March 12, 2020 proclaiming that a public health emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin as a result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. The Order designates the Department of Health Services as the lead agency in responding to the public health emergency and directs all state agencies to assist in the State's ongoing response to the emergency.

In light of Executive Order #72 and directives of the Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin Elections Commission held a special Commission meeting concerning Special Voting Deputy voting in care facilities and the relocation of polling places located in care facilities for the upcoming Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary and Special Election in the 7th Congressional District. The Commission decided the following:

- **Municipalities shall not use the Special Voting Deputy process to serve residents in care facilities for these two elections and instead shall transmit absentee ballots to those voters by mail. At this point, we are asking clerks to suspend scheduling SVD visits and wait for direction from our office in terms of how to engage with care facilities that are typically served by SVDs to ensure all voters who usually use that process are able to request that a ballot be sent to them.**
- **The municipal clerk or municipal election commission executive director may relocate polling places for these two elections located in nursing homes or other care facilities, and other facilities as determined by the Department of Health Services or local health officials, without obtaining prior approval of the local governing body or municipal elections commission. Please begin working with your local health authorities to determine whether any polling places in your municipality may no longer be available. We will provide additional guidance for the process of relocating your polling place plans and notifying voters of the change.**

Additional background information is in the attached memo. Staff will provide details specific to these procedural changes on a continuous basis and will be hosting multiple webinars regarding election preparedness on Monday, March 16, 2020. Details on the webinars can be found here: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/6708>.

Wisconsin Elections Commissioners

Dean Knudson, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Julie M. Glancey | Ann S. Jacobs | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

The situation concerning COVID-19 and the upcoming elections is fluid and quickly evolving, so guidance changes daily. The WEC is working with federal and state public health officials to determine the most effective guidance to provide to local election officials dealing with this crisis. We will provide additional information to local election officials as it is available.

If you have questions, please contact the WEC Help Desk at (608) 261-2028, or elections@wi.gov.