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2 the November 2004 election. Elections officials indicated that their ballots had been
3 rejected because officials thought that the original signatures submitted by the voter with
4 the ballots did not match the voter registration signatures already on file with the counties.
5 Approximately 275 individuals provided the Washington State Republican Party with
6 signed statements (including letters to auditors, completed "mail in voter registration
7 forms" and "oath of voter" forms) in which they confirmed that they were lawfully
8 registered voters who cast the ballots that had been rejected and provided an updated
9 example of their signatures. Following the Washington State Supreme Court's decision in
10 the *Washington State Republican Party v. King County Div. of Records, Elections, and*
11 *Licensing* case, indicating that elections workers could correct during the manual recount
12 errors made in rejecting ballots during the initial count, the Washington State Republican
13 Party presented the approximately 275 voter statements to elections officials in 19
14 counties. Voter statements were presented to Asotin, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Douglas,
15 Franklin, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, Pierce,
16 Snohomish, Thurston, Whatcom, and Yakima counties. All counties either refused to
17 reconsider their mistaken rejection of these voters' ballots or refused even to accept for
18 review the voters' documents. The ballots of these 275 voters were thus not counted in the
19 November 2, 2004, election, and these voters were disenfranchised by the errors of
20 elections officials.
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24 4. As part of its regular political activities, the Washington State Republican
25 Party ("WSRP") contracts with Advanced Data Center Systems ("ADCS") to obtain
26 updated lists of voter registrations and vote histories. These lists, often called "voter files,"

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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL SHERIDAN IN
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PETITION - 2

