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#### STATEMENT OF CONTEST

Contestant SANDRA JUNE VITOLO, a registered voter in Assembly District 37, hereby contests the 2002 Nevada General Election results for the Office of Assemblyman, District 37. The two candidates running for the Office of Assemblyman, District 37 were Defendant Marcus Conklin (Democrat) and Francis Allen (Republican). Defendent Marcus Conklin was elected to the Office of Nevada State Assemblyman, District 37. Contestant hereby alleges that "illegal votes were cast and counted for the defendant, which if taken from him, will reduce the number of his legal votes below the number necessary to elect him." Nev. Rev. Stat. 293,410 (c).

This contest is made and based upon Nev. Rev. Stat. 293.407, 293.410(c). 293.413, 293.425, the following Points and Authorities, and the Exhibits attached hereto.

DATED this <u>/9</u> day of November, 2002.

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#### POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

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#### **FACTS**

On November 5, 2002, the results of the 2002 Nevada election were declared. On November 12, 2002, the Clark County Commission canvassed the returns of the results of the 2002 election. Defendant Marcus Conklin was elected to the Nevada State Assembly, District 37. Francis Allen lost to Defendant Marcus Conklin by 134 votes in the general election.

On November 10, 2002, John L. Smith, a columnist for the Las Vegas Review Journal, wrote a column regarding the Clubhouse Tavern as a source of absentee ballots. (See Exhibit 1). The Clubhouse Tavern is owned by Gary Horrocks. Mr. Horrocks was an unsuccessful Republican primary cardidate in the Assembly District 37 race. In John Smiths article, Mr. Horrocks is quoted as saying that "I honestly believe I took it from Francis Allen." The article goes on to describe voters whose physical addresses were found to be vacant for a number of months, but their ballots were mailed from the Clubhouse Tavern or the Nevada Association of Concerned Motorcyclists post office box. Subsequent articles have been written regarding the alleged voter fraud. (See Exhibit 2). In an article published in the November 14, 2002 Las Vegas Review Journal, District Attorney Stewart Bell stated the District Attorney's Office was investigating compiled evidence of voter fraud.

II.

#### **ARGUMENT**

Pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. 293,407, "a registered voter of the appropriate political subdivision, may contest the election of any candidate." If the contest involves the general election for an assemblyman, "all depositions, ballots and other documents relating to the contest must be filed with the secretary of state." Nev. Rev. Stat. 293,425. The statement of contest "shall be filed" no later than "14 days after the election." Nev. Rev. Stat. 293,413(1). Additionally, "a statement of contest shall not be

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dismissed by any court for want of form if the grounds of contest are alleged with sufficient certainty to inform the defendant of the charges he is required to meet." Nev. Rev. Stat. 293.410(1).

Contestant is filing this contest within the proscribed 14 day statute of limitations. Contestant is a registered voter in Assembly District 37. The grounds for Contestant's contest, pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. 293.410(c), is that illegal votes were cast and counted for the Defendant and that, if the votes were taken from him, he would not have been elected. Contestant alleges that some of the illegal votes were obtained with the assistance of Gary Horrocks. A number of people registered to vote with a false residence addresses, but mailed their ballots from either a post office box leased by the Nevada Association of Concerned Motorcyclists (a group for which Gary Horrocks is a lobbyist), or from the Clubhouse Tavern. Several of these residence addresses were checked, and many were found vacant or had people other than the voters living at them. The number of illegal votes exceeds the 134 vote difference between the candidates in the General Election.

Nev. Rev. Stat. 293.485 states in part that

1. Every citizen of the united States, 18 years of age or over, who has continuously resided in this state and in the county 30 days and in the precinct 10 days next preceding the day of the next succeeding . . . (c) General election; . . . And who has registered in the manner provided in this chapter, is entitled to vote at the election.

Emphasis added. Additionally, pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. 293,730(d) a person "shall not apply for or receive a ballot at any election precinct or district other than the one at which he is entitled to vote." Emphasis added. Attached as Exhibit 3 is a list of 160 names and addresses of ineligible voters, ineligible by virtue that they did not live in District 37 "10 days" prior to the General Election and/or they received a ballot at a district other than which they were entitled to vote. The 160 names and addresses were verified to be fraudulent by David Groover of Groover and Associates.

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In addition to the above evidence, Gary Horrocks confessed to Fran Deane, newly elected Clark County Recorder, that he had obtained over 100 absentee ballots for her. (See Exhibit 4).

III.

#### CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Contestant hereby contests the results of the 2002 Nevada General Election, Office of Assemblyman, District 37. Contestant hereby requests that the Secretary of State further investigates the facts and allegations set forth to determine the extent of the voter fraud. Contestant requests to reserve the right to supplement this document and evidence as the investigation continues.

DATED this \_\_/9 day of November, 2002.

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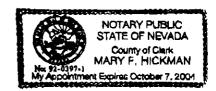
#### **VERIFICATION**

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Under penalties of perjury, the undersigned declares that she is the Contestant named in the foregoing STATEMENT OF CONTEST and knows the contents thereof; that the pleading (document) is true of her own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to such matters she believes it to be true.

SIGNED AND SWORN TO before me on this 19/4 day of November, 2002.

Mary 7. Hickman Notary Public



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### COLUMN: John L. Smith

Biker bar hotbed of political activism, source of absentee ballots

At the Clubhouse Tavern, they pour generous shots of whiskey and like ZZ Top cranked up high.

The tavern's theme is authentic Harley-Davidson. The regulars obviously appreciate that theme and like to talk about their machines, bike runs and wild women.

A little Budweiser, a game of eight ball, the "Easy Rider" video on TV, plenty of trade union pride, a sign that reads, "My child was inmate of the month at the county jail," and a smile from the handsome barmaid, Kimberly. In all, not a bad oasis for a lonely rider.

But with due respect, upon first glance the Clubhouse Tavern at 4001 Las Vegas Blvd. North does not appear to be a hotbed of political action. That fact made me wonder why so many absentee ballots were mailed from there.

The tavern's owner, Gary Horrocks, says looks are deceiving. Horrocks, a lobbyist for the Nevada Association of Concerned Motorcyclists, is proud to say his 800-member group was an active player in the 2002 election. The group's post office box is also listed as the address of numerous mail-in ballots.

Horrocks, 49, was himself a competitive but unsuccessful Republican primary candidate in the Assembly District 37 race, placing behind Earlene Forsythe and September winner Francis Allen. In the general election, Allen lost by 134 votes to Democrat Marcus Conklin in one of the evening's closest races.

Horrocks isn't shy about his role in the election.

"I honestly believe I took it from Francis Allen," he says. He believes it was his effort on behalf of his organization's members that helped put Conklin over the top. "I would take credit for that because these are people who voted for a person who represented their interests."

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The fact so many used his mailing addresses doesn't faze Horrocks.

Although I have found at least a dozen absentee ballots were mailed to the Clubhouse and several more to the organization's post office box, Horrocks says he intended to have at least 300 members vote absentee had he prevailed in the primary. As it happened, he still appears to have helped facilitate casting of dozens of absentee votes.

For the record, Horrocks says Conklin was more responsive than Allen to issues that matter to the motorcycle organization, thus all the help.

"We are the fastest growing group of politically active people in the country," he says of America's motorcycle enthusiasts.

They are active locally -- and quite mobile.

By law, voters must declare their physical address before seeking to have a ballot mailed elsewhere. Checks of several Clubhouse-linked voter residences this week revealed a recurring theme: abandoned houses.

For example, Jackie Lee Kunkes voted in the primary from the Clubhouse but listed 2220 Conchita St. as an address.

Trouble is, the Conchita address is empty. A July telephone directory sits by an open door. Inside, the house is gutted. A neighbor who moved next door four months ago says, "There's been absolutely no activity. It looks like someone took the doors off both ends of the house."

Brad Hendricks and James Hiltunen were registered at 7205 Hopland Circle, but mailed their ballots from Horrocks' post office box. A five-year resident of Hopland Circle says no one has lived in that house in "at least six months." A July 15 edition of the Beehive newspaper sits near the front door.

At 6201 Carmen Blvd., where Myron Hoge registered before seeking a Clubhouse mail-in ballot, the current resident says he has lived there for six months and knows no Hoge.

"A lot of the people have moved just like I've moved," says Horrocks, a 25-year resident.

That makes sense, but it doesn't diminish the potential for violations of federal laws and postal regulations. It's a federal offense, for example, "to knowingly and willfully give false information as to name, address, or period of residence to a voter registrar for the purpose of establishing one's eligibility to vote."

But Horrocks says he has only the best interests of his constituent motorcycle owners in mind, and they're a tight-knit group of like-minded voters.

They don't call it the Clubhouse for nothing, brother.

John L. Smith's column appears Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. E-mail him at Smith@reviewjournal.com or call 383-0295.

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**COLUMN: John L. Smith** 

GOP Assembly candidate beleaguered by election irregularities

The 2002 election was officially canvassed Tuesday afternoon, but unsuccessful Assembly District 37 candidate Francis Allen isn't finished fighting.

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Allen, a Republican who lost to Democrat Marcus Conklin by 134 votes in the general election, is preparing to contest the outcome of the race based on an increasing suspicion of absentee ballot tampering. Officially, the challenge will be carried forth by Republican Assemblyman Bob Beers, a legislative veteran and Allen ally who has served on the elections procedures committee.

"I think we're all concerned that voter fraud took place in this election, and we just want to make sure, essentially, that the people's voice is heard," Allen says,

Adds Beers, "It appears that some irregularities took place. I'm relatively convinced, having walked through the evidence the last couple days."

Many of the absentee ballots in question were mailed to the Clubhouse Tavern at 4001 Las Vegas Blvd. North and to a post office box leased by the Nevada Association of Concerned Motorcyclists. The bar is owned by Gary Horrocks, a legislative lobbyist and GOP activist who lost to Allen in the Republican primary in September.

In an interview last week, Horrocks denied wrongdoing, but gladly took credit for helping to knock off Allen with his targeted mail-in ballots and allies in the motorcycle association. Horrocks said he believed Conklin was more attentive than Allen to the group's legislative agenda. Horrocks said he was upset by what he considered inaccurate cheap shots taken by Allen in a mailer and was disappointed in her lack of personal response to questions related to his motorcycle organization's lobbying efforts.

It is legal for a voter to have his ballot forwarded to an address different from his physical address. It is not legal, however, to claim a false physical address, and then have the ballot forwarded, for the purposes of cherry picking a targeted political race.

This past week, I checked out several addresses linked to the Horrocks mail ballots. In each case, the houses were either abandoned or the current occupant had no knowledge of the registered voter in question.

Beers says he has done his own legwork. He has found a number of empty houses and what he believes are misleading registrations.

While acknowledging that one of his motivations is to see another fellow Republican in the Legislature, Beers quickly adds that the incidents of empty residences associated with mail-in ballots are far too numerous to be merely coincidental. The overriding concern is with the veracity of the voter registrations themselves, he says.

"Cortainly, if everything that I have seen done is legal, then we need some statutory changes," Beers says.

Allen and her supporters met Tucsday morning with Clark County Registrar of Voters Larry Lomax, who explained the process and approaching deadlines. Lomax on Tucsday afternoon officially completed the canvass of the election. Allen's advocates have until next Tucsday to officially contest the race.

"We'll pursue this, and if there's something there we'll forward it to the district attorney to follow up on," Lomax says.

Even if the district attorney or the local office of the FBI decide to investigate, Beers' challenge on Allen's behalf remains a long shot.

If sufficient evidence is gathered that points substantially to election impropriety, Allen's advocate must plead her case at the upcoming legislative session on the floor of the Assembly, where the Democrats hold a narrow majority.

Ironically, the one name that has not been associated with these suspected ballot improprieties belongs to District 37 winner Marcus Conklin.

Conklin, the branch manager of Volt Services employment agency, says he knew nothing of the controversy until reading about it in Sunday's Review-Journal.

"I wouldn't condone that kind of activity," Conklin says flatly. In his spare time, he prepares for his freshman legislative session.

Meanwhile, back in District 37, his opponent continues to knock on the doors of empty houses.

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#### By FRANK GRARY REYIEW-JOURNAL

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2.75 high school GPA. So Howard requested the actual names and grade-point averages, Nichols said.

The chancellor said university officials were unsuccessful in their attempts to persuade Howard to accept the GPAs and other data without student names being attached. In their memos, Harter and Lilley said they were relying

its upcoming December meeting in Las Vegas adopts proposed policy changes, Nichols said, regents in the future would not have unfettered access to student names and GPAs. Among the proposals would be one requiring regents to state their purpose for requesting individual student and personnel data; notifying affected students and

cluding department chairmen and secretaries, because of the advent of databases and networked computers.

"It seems that only when someone uncovers an alleged misdeed that the system reacts," Peck said. "It's time now for the system to be proactive in looking at these issues more broadly."

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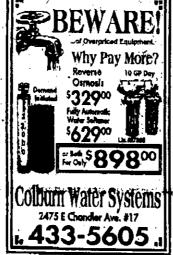
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#### AFFIDAVIT OF FRANCES DEANE

FRANCES DEANE, being duly sworn says:

That at all times herein affiant was over eighteen years of age, not a party to or interested in the proceedings in which this affidavit is made.

That on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002 affiant was elected to the office of Clark County Recorder.

On the evening of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002 affiant was present at Caesar's Palace Hotel and Casino for an election night party for Republican candidates and supporters.

During the course of the evening affiant was contacted by Gary Horrocks who was an unsuccessful candidate for Assembly District 37. Gary Horrocks is also a lobbyist for

the Nevada Association of Concerned Motorcyclists.

Mr. Horrocks related to me that he had obtained over one-hundred votes in the General Election for me. When he initially told me this I could only express my gratitude. I later asked him how he had obtained the votes and he related that he had absentee ballots mailed to his wife and him and he filled out the ballots. Therefore, he knew how the votes were designated and how many of the votes he was responsible for. Mr. Horrocks also related that he was late to the event on election night because he had just delivered three votes.

After reading several articles in the Las Vegas Review Journal about voter fraud, I felt it important to bring this information forward.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

Dated this 18th day of NOV., 2002.

FRANCES DEANE, AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002

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