

FEDERAL COURT

B E T W E E N

DUFF CONACHER and DEMOCRACY WATCH

Applicants

- and -

**THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA,
THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL OF CANADA,
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA and
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA**

Respondents

AFFIDAVIT OF AMANDA JUDD

I, AMANDA JUDD, of the City of Kingston in the province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS :

1. I am Co-Organizing Chair of the Council of the Young Greens of Canada and former Youth Vote Coordinator and Acting Elections Canada Contact of the Campaign to Elect Mike Nagy (By-Election 2008, Guelph).
2. I was one of many volunteers who quit their jobs or put their lives on hold to move to Guelph for all or part of the summer of 2008 for the by-election which was supposed to take place on September 8th, 2008. In my case, I quit my summer job three weeks early to move to Guelph to work on the campaign to elect Green Party of Canada candidate Mike

Nagy in the by election. My work on the campaign also required me to miss my university's orientation week.

3. The Guelph by-election was cancelled on September 7th, 2008 when the writ was dropped for the general election.

4. I feel that the fact that the by-election was cancelled the day before it was to be held was insulting to our efforts and sacrifices. The resources poured into this by-election were enormous. Volunteers came from across the province (and, in a couple of cases, from out of the country) to work on Mike Nagy's campaign. During our Youth Weekend, approximately thirty youth came to Guelph to give their time for the campaign. Many people worked for up to seven weeks on the campaign.

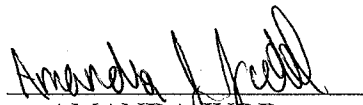
5. When the general election was called, much of Guelph's Green Party campaign team was forced to leave the riding because of previous commitments to other campaigns. For example, I had to return from Guelph to Kingston to work on the general election campaign in my riding, putting an enormous stress on my finances as I was unable to return to paid work for another five weeks.

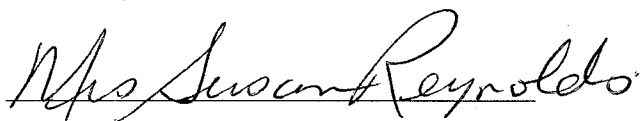
6. This cancelled by-election voided over 2 500 votes that had been cast before September 7 in Guelph's advance polls.

7. Many members of the Green Party felt that the Guelph by-election provided our best chance of electing a Member of Parliament, so we pooled our financial and human resources accordingly. This put us at a distinct disadvantage going into the Federal Election. Not only had we stretched our financial resources thin, but key organizing staff were placed in Guelph when they could have been organizing the national campaign. The Young Greens Council was also at a distinct disadvantage in organizing a national youth

campaign, because four (out of nine) of our members were dedicated to the Guelph campaign. Prior to September 7, because there were only rumours of an election, and no confirmation, I feel that it would have been irresponsible for us to abandon the Guelph campaign to work on the Federal Election.

As affirmed:
SWORN BEFORE ME at)
the City of *Kingston*)
in the Province of Ontario)
this *31st* day of October, 2008)


AMANDA JUDD



A Commissioner, etc.

Susan Katherine Reynolds, a
Commissioner, etc., Province of
Ontario, for Queen's Legal Aid.
Expires May 1, 2009.