PROCEEDINGS
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Present were: *Richard Coss, President*
Marianne Schneider, Member
Dorothy Waters, Alternate
Roger Schlossberg, Attorney
Dorothy Kaetzel, Election Director

Special Meeting was called to order at approximately 11:30 AM to address complaints being received in regard to petition gatherers at the polling places.

Dorothy informed the Board members and the attorney re phone call received prior to Election Day from a member of the Landlord & Property Owners Association requesting collecting petition signatures at the polling places on Election Day. Dorothy gave approval as long as it wasn't done inside the polling rooms or in anyway interfered with the voting process. Dorothy also advised that in discussing this with Donna Duncan at SBE this morning, that the State's advice was this should not be allowed within the 100' No Electioneering Limit.

Roger Schlossberg informed the Board that his opinion was that signatures for petitions in this scenario, since it was not something pertaining to this election's candidates or anything on the ballot today, that it could be done inside the 100' limit, and cited a case in the Supreme Court at some time in the past where a judge warned against this type of disallowance due to interfering with a person's "freedom of speech".

After discussion and acting on the advice from the Board's attorney, Marianne motioned and Richard seconded, that petition gathering on this day had to be done outside the buildings where voting was taking place, but could be done within the 100' No Electioneering Limit.

Meeting closed at approximately 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted

Richard L. Coss — 5-19-03
Richard L. Coss, Board President — *Date*

Dorothy M. Kaetzel — 5-16-03
Dorothy M. Kaetzel — *Date*
Election Director