

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF DU PAGE

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEANNE MAZZOCHI

Plaintiff

-VS-

KACZMAREK JEAN IN HER OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY AS DUPAGE COUNTY CLERK  
AND ELECTION AUTHORITY FOR DUPAGE  
COUNTY ET AL.

Defendant

2022CH000220  
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CLERK OF THE  
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**ORDER**

The cause coming before the Court, the Court being fully advised in the premises, and after hearing argument from the parties, the Court finds as follows, as more fully detailed in the record:

- 1) It has subject matter jurisdiction over this controversy;
- 2) Notice was given by Plaintiff;
- 3) the Election Code does not permit the use of a signature from a mail in ballot application to validate any mail-in ballot signature in accordance with Article 19 of the Election Code; and
- 4) Use of the Vote by Mail ballot application to qualify signatures on the Vote by Mail ballot itself would be an obvious way to commit ballot fraud.
- 5) Consequently, the ruling set forth below benefits both candidates, as well as the DuPage County Clerk's Office, who is obligated to follow the statute.

Based on the foregoing and for the reasons stated on the record, Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce Election Law by Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction is granted to the extent set forth in this order.


The DuPage County Clerk, during the Vote by Mail process, is hereby prohibited from using any signature on a Vote by Mail application in connection with validating signatures on the Vote by Mail ballot from the date and time of entry of this order in connection with the 2022 general election.

If a voter's signature on the mail-in ballot does not match the signature on the voter's registration on file with the DuPage County Clerk's office, that ballot must be segregated and marked "Rejected" as required by Article 19 of the Election Code and the Clerk shall follow the voter notification procedures set forth therein.

The DuPage County Clerk shall immediately provide a copy of this order and directive to all election judges for the 2022 general election and ensure that it is complied with.

Defendant's Motion to Dismiss is denied. This matter is set for status on November 23, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

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