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May 2, 2011

Ms. Rebecca S. Markert
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Dear Ms. Markert:

I received your letter on April 19, 2011 regarding Mr. Cliff Hillington being sworn in as a Notary Public by a deputy clerk in my office. I regret any misunderstanding between my staff and Mr. Hillington regarding his option to solemnly affirm under the pains and penalties of perjury.

For many years my office has been conscientious in training all Deputy Clerks regarding proper administration of the Notary Oath and I am satisfied that each employee has a clear understanding of what the law dictates in this regard. I have spoken with Deputy Clerk Neff and she is aware customers are allowed to take the oath in accordance with their personal preferences as defined in Nevada law. For extra measure, I sent a reminder to all members of my staff once again explaining how oaths are to be administered.

Ex-Officio Clerk of:

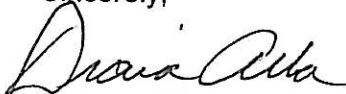
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In your letter you request that Mr. Cliff Hillington be provided the opportunity to be sworn in again. We would be happy to accommodate such a request. Enclosed herewith is a copy of my letter to Mr. Hillington, letting him know he may come to any Clark County Clerk location to have his oath administered again. We will do every thing we can to take care of his request promptly and in a manner that causes him the least inconvenience.

Thank you for contacting my office so that this matter may be resolved.

Sincerely,



Diana Alba

CC: Bru Ethridge, Nevada Secretary of State's Office
Michael Foley, Deputy District Attorney

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Mr. Cliff A. Hillington
30 Strada di Villaggio
Henderson, NV 89011

Dear Mr. Hillington:

On April 19, 2011, I received a letter from Rebecca S. Markert of the Freedom From Religion Foundation regarding your concerns as to how the oath was administered when you came to my office on May 27, 2010 to be sworn in as a Notary Public. I apologize that you were not given the opportunity to solemnly affirm under the pains and penalties of perjury.

For many years my office has been conscientious in training all deputy clerks regarding proper administration of the Notary Oath. I reviewed this process with my employees and am satisfied that each employee has a clear understanding of what the law dictates in this regard. I have spoken with the deputy clerk who administered your oath and she is aware customers are allowed to take the oath in accordance with their personal preferences as defined in Nevada law. For extra measure, I sent a reminder to all members of my staff once again explaining how oaths are to be administered.

Ms. Markert requested that you be provided the opportunity to be sworn in again. We are happy to accommodate your request. You may come to any Clark County Clerk location to have your oath administered again. Please call and set an appointment to take care of this matter. We will do every thing we can to resolve this matter promptly and in a manner that causes you the least inconvenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Alba".
Diana Alba

✓ CC: Rebecca Markert, Freedom From Religion Foundation

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