



Yakima County Auditor, Elections Division

# voter registration challenge

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## memo of hearing and decision

**date of hearing** Monday, June 12, 2017

**in attendance** Charles Ross, Yakima County Auditor  
Kathy Fisher, Yakima County Elections Manager  
Yolanda Arellano, Yakima County Elections Office Coordinator  
John Orozco, challenged voter  
Jeanette Vargas, witness for John Orozco  
Dave Giussi, witness for John Orozco  
Jeremy Shephard, witness for John Orozco

**hearing convened** 9:06 a.m.


**statement of challenge** A voter registration challenge was submitted on June 2, 2017 by Cruz Maria Garcia, another registered voter, based on the belief that John Orozco did not live at the address where he was registered to vote.  
The challenge of the registration indicated that John Orozco was registered to vote at:  
317 N Harding Ave  
Wapato WA 98951  
Cruz Maria Garcia indicated that John Orozco actually resided at:  
201 Skone Way  
Wapato WA 98951

**summary of hearing** Auditor Charles Ross provided an overview of the hearing process and read into record the signed voter registration challenge declaration submitted by Cruz Maria Garcia.  
All witnesses present were sworn in prior to providing testimony.  
Mr. Orozco submitted signed declarations from Roy Paul Fann, Marisol Valdes, and James L. Bjorklund. Auditor Ross read the declarations into record and acknowledged receipt of a Pacific Power bill and City of Wapato utility bill submitted by Mr. Orozco.  
Mr. Orozco then provided his own testimony which concluded the presentation of evidence.

**decision** After review of the evidence and testimony presented by both the challenger and challenged voter, Auditor Ross found that Mrs. Garcia did not present clear and convincing evidence. The challenge was dismissed.

**hearing adjourned** 9:19 a.m.

**signed and dated**

  
Charles R. Ross  
Yakima County Auditor

6/12/2017  
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**submitted by, date**  
  
Kathy Fisher  
Yakima County Elections Manager  
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