

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

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VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER,

Defendant.

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DECLARATION OF DANIEL DELISA

DANIEL DELISA, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Sec. 1746, declares as follows:

1. I reside at 40 Indian Road in Port Chester.
2. I own and operate several businesses in the Port Chester area and have done so for over 30 years. I have owned Rye Brook Cab & Airport Service, Inc. since 1984, and Galaxy Limousine Service, Incorporated since 1990, and US Medical Courier, Incorporated since 1997. I own and operate Champion Cleaning Contractors Incorporated, in 1998, Champion Maintenance Contractors Incorporated, in 2000 and Champion Painting Contractors Incorporated since 2002, and Champion Landscaping Contractors, Inc. since 2002.
3. I am an immigrant from Uruguay, and moved to Port Chester in 1973. I became a citizen in 1984. I met my wife Sofia in Port Chester, although she is also from

Uruguay. Together we have six children, all of which were educated in the Port Chester schools.

4. I chose Port Chester because of its reputation as a welcoming place.

5. Since arriving in Port Chester, I have always known the community to be supportive of all residents, especially immigrants. Immigrants who arrived earlier are always willing to help those newly arriving from their country of origin, as well as helping people in general.

6. In my experience, Hispanics in Port Chester are hard working, family oriented individuals, rarely getting involved in local issues. They are working hard as they adjust to life in America. Many Hispanics work two jobs so that they can afford to live in this area and take care of their families.

7. In Port Chester there are different Hispanic groups from countries all over the world. While everyone largely respects each other, there is individual country pride. This is demonstrated most particularly by support of ones country's soccer team in games which are broadcast by satellite to many local restaurants or to individual apartments. In addition, from my experience, many residents use their satellite television to stay in touch with what is happening back in their country of origin.

8. Many people in Latin America have heard of Port Chester from their friends or relatives who have visited or passed through. From my experience, they know it to be a welcoming place. I know that many individuals arriving in Port Chester and surrounding communities in the New York Metropolitan Area from Uruguay will seek out myself, and in the past my late brother Sergio, for advice on how to find housing or employment.

9. Diversity and a hospitable and generous population makes Port Chester so great.

10. I have never felt that I did not belong in Port Chester.

11. Port Chester has allowed me to grow my businesses and become a successful businessman.

12. I am familiar with our local officials, many of whom have sought my support over the years. I am aware of the effort by the Federal government to break Port Chester into districts for voting purposes. From my experience, many Hispanics have simply chosen not to get involved in local politics. Usually they are working too hard, or taking care of their children, or attending religious services, so that they do not choose to pay attention to the local issues. This is the result more of apathy than anything else.

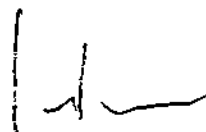
13. I am a practicing Jehova Witness. I am a member of the Greenwich congregation, one of several congregations that meet at the Kingdom Hall at 404 King Street in Port Chester. Our congregation has approximately 120 Spanish speaking members, and is comprised of mostly Latinos from Port Chester and Greenwich.

14. Due to my religious beliefs, I choose not to vote in elections and I never bothered to register.

15. I have never felt that the government of Port Chester has not responded to my needs as either a Port Chester resident, a businessman, an immigrant or an American of Uruguayan descent.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: January 15, 2007
Port Chester, NY



Daniel Delisa