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Опции



Излизане

Поща

Календар

Контакти

Входящи (15)

Изпратени

Изтрити (162)

Нежелана поща (31)

Чернови (36)

Щракнете, за да се покажат всички папки

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

Управление на папки...

Отговор Отговор до всички Препращане



Local elections 27th October 2019

Peter Cartwright]

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До: ЦИК

Прикачени файлове: My permanent residency permit 1.jpg (462 KB); My permanent residency permit 2.jpg (435 KB); Jane's expired white card.jpg (22 KB); My expired white card.jpg (218 KB)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a British citizen (EU member for now) and have lived in Bulgaria for 14 years. I attempted to vote in the local village Mayor and Municipality elections in the village of Dragizhevo and Lyaskovets municipality, but was refused because I did not hold a 'certificate of residency'.

I was properly entered onto the electoral register and have a valid permanent residency card, which expires on 22nd March 2027 (copy attached) and which I showed when attending the polling station to vote. I was asked for my 'white card' certificate of residence, which I explained had expired (copy of photocopy attached) and I did not hold it anymore as my photo residency card took its place as my certificate of residency. I tried to explain that the 'temporary' white card was issued so a successful applicant could have some sort of document to show authorities in between being granted long term residency by the migration department and being issued with a residency permit with photo, address, nationality and personal number. Your representative at the polling station did not agree with me and stated that I must have a separate certificate of residence to my id card/residency permit in the form of the white card and I was not allowed to vote as I did not have it anymore and it had expired in 2012 anyway. My wife had kept her white card (copy attached) which expired in 2015 and was allowed to vote.

On Monday 28th October I attended the village Mayor's secretary to have contact with the Lyaskovets municipality electoral central election commission representative and I explained my reasons why I thought I had been disenfranchised against European and Bulgarian law. The secretary spoke to the representative in Lyaskovets municipality, who I believe was Mr Ivan Rashkov and explained my circumstances. He said he would make some inquiries and get back the following afternoon.

I attended again the Mayor's secretary on 30th October and she told me that the commission representative confirmed that I need a 'certificate of residency' as well as my id/permanent residency card to be able to vote. I must point out at this time that I have voted in at least two local elections since Bulgaria joined the EU in 2007, using only my valid residency card to vote.

I inquired with 'Your Europe Advice', which is governed by the EC by email as I thought I had been unfairly and illegally disenfranchised from this election and the advice I received back said that I should have been able to vote (copies of emails in Bulgarian and English attached).

I also did some research on the European Directive 94/80/EC of 19th December 1994 and particularly Article 8, paragraph 2 which states "The Member State of residence may also require a voter within the scope of Article 3 to produce a valid identity document, along with a formal declaration stating his nationality, and his address in the Member State of residence" (copy of EC Directive 94/80 Article 8 attached in Bulgarian and English). I believe my valid permanent residency card provides everything which is needed.

I intend to try to see Mr Ivan Rashkov this afternoon to explain my case to try to ensure I am not disenfranchised for the Mayoral run off election on Sunday 3rd November 2019, which I do not believe I should be. I will explain my case and hope he can ensure my right to vote on Sunday.

For your information, the Mayor's secretary gave me these details.

ОИК ЛЯСКОВЕЦ ПРЕДСЕТЕЛ: ИВАН РАШКОВ

I hope I have provided enough information for you to understand my situation and apologise for not writing this email in Bulgarian, but my oral Bulgarian is better than my written skills. This email can be easily translated with google translate, which I will do and attach. I hope not to be disenfranchised on Sunday.

I will have to send further attachments separately as they are too big for one email.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Cartwright

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