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THE HONORABLE MARK A. LARRAÑAGA

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

VET VOICE FOUNDATION, THE WASHINGTON BUS, EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA, KAELEENE ESCALANTE MARTINEZ, BETHAN CANTRELL, GABRIEL BERSON, and MARI MATSUMOTO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STEVE HOBBS, in his official capacity as Washington State Secretary of State, JULIE WISE, in her official capacity as the Auditor/Director of Elections in King County and a King County Canvassing Board Member, SUSAN SLONECKER, in her official capacity as a King County Canvassing Board Member, AND STEPHANIE CIRKOVICH, in her official capacity as a King County Canvassing Board Member,

Defendants.

No 22-2-19384-1 SEA

DECLARATION OF EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT I, Estela Ortega, do hereby declare:

- 1. I am the Executive Director at Organizational Plaintiff El Centro de la Raza ("El Centro"), where I have worked for 14 years. In this role, I, Estela Ortega, I am over the age of 18, competent to testify to matters in this Declaration, and make this Declaration based on my personal knowledge.
- 2. El Centro is a non-profit, non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization grounded in the Latino community of Washington State.
- 3. El Centro's mission is to unify all racial and economic sectors; to organize, empower, and defend the basic human rights of our most vulnerable and marginalized populations; and to bring critical consciousness, justice, dignity, and equity to all the peoples of the world.
- 4. While El Centro has a wide array of programs, it is well known for its voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts. As part of those get-out-the-vote efforts, El Centro conducts education campaigns to ensure voters have all the information that they need to vote, including how and where to cast a ballot. These education campaigns include e-mails to its network, announcements on radio programming, social media, answering questions from individual voters about their ballots and voting procedures, and other volunteer efforts to boost civic engagement through voting.
- 5. El Centro also recognizes that people of color, especially Latino voters, are disproportionately impacted by Washington's signature verification requirement.
- 6. El Centro has participants who have been disenfranchised by Washington's signature verification requirement.

 EXECUTED this 24 day of July, 2023, at Seattle, Washington.

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