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Federal Judge Dismisses Election Process and Public Records Actions for cases filed in Whatcom, Snohomish, Pierce, Clark, and Thurston County Superior Courts

On September 30, 2022, Federal District Court Judge Lauren King issued a series of orders dismissing removed actions originally filed by Washington Election Integrity Coalition United (“WEiCU” pronounced “We See You”) and 106 individual plaintiffs in five county state Superior Courts.

The actions sought relief under state law for alleged election process misconduct and for an order compelling inspection of public records including ballots from the 2020 General Election. The actions did not seek to decertify any election or to overturn any election outcome.

In her orders dismissing the actions, which included dismissals in cases even where no motions to dismiss were filed, Judge King found that plaintiffs lacked standing to bring Article III claims in federal court (even though the actions were originally filed in state court under state statutory law), and that remand of the actions back to state court would be “futile” because dismissal of the claims by state courts was “foreordained.”

Judge King declared the dismissals “foreordained” while simultaneously acknowledging two state appellate cases filed by WEiCU that are currently pending and which address similar claims.

According to WEiCU’s Director, Tamborine Borrelli, Judge King’s pre-emptive dismissals fall into an unfortunate pattern of judicial review of election processes: “Judge King, like many other judges across the country, state that there is no ‘direct harm’ therefore the plaintiffs lack standing which denies qualified electors the ability to investigate indications of election process misconduct. Judge King found technical grounds to dismiss the actions before ever reaching WEiCU’s evidence of 6,614 votes that flipped to Biden (similar to ‘the glitch’ in Antrim County MI) and over 400,000 accepted votes over the registered voters at 9:36pm on election night. By issuing these pre-emptive dismissals, Judge King has effectively blocked superior court judges in five of Washington State’s largest counties from ever seeing the cases. In an astonishing show of hubris, she also inserted her opinion into WEiCU’s cases that are currently pending before the Court of Appeals somehow knowing that a ruling against WEiCU’s Public Records Request claim is “foreordained.” Despite the efforts of those who benefit from *obfuscating the truth of our fatally flawed election system*, the people **know** (that) is the true threat to our Democratic Republic and will not stop until it is corrected for all Americans.”

WEiCU is a non-partisan, Washington State non-profit dedicated to restoring transparent, secure and publicly verified elections to Washington State.

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