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Federal Judge Remands Election Process and Public Records Action To King County Superior Court

On September 30, 2022, Federal District Court Judge Lauren King issued an order granting a motion to remand filed by Washington Election Integrity Coalition United (“WEiCU” pronounced “We See You”) in Case No. 2:21-cv-01394. The Court further denied a motion to dismiss, a motion for sanctions, and a motion to intervene filed by Defendants Julie Wise, King County, and the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (Democrat Party).

The action seeking 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 was originally filed in King County Superior Court in September 2021 by WEiCU and ten individual plaintiffs, but was immediately removed by Defendants to federal court.

In her order for remand, Judge King found that Defendants had removed the action to federal court only to then argue inconsistently that the plaintiffs lacked Article III (federal) standing to bring their claims in federal court. Judge King further remanded on grounds that Defendants had filed counter-claims against WEiCU on its state law public records act claim.

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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