



**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
NORFOLK DIVISION**

PROJECT VOTE/VOTING FOR)
AMERICA, INC.,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
ELISA LONG, in her Official Capacity)
as General Registrar of Norfolk, Virginia,)
)
and)
)
DONALD PALMER, in his Official Capacity)
as Secretary of the State Board of Elections,)
)
Defendants.)

Civil Action No.: 2:10-cv-75-RBS

CONSENT DECREE

Plaintiff initiated this action seeking a permanent injunction barring defendants from refusing to permit inspection and photocopying of completed voter registration applications pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act's public disclosure provisions, 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-6(i)(1). On July 20, 2011, this Court entered an Opinion and Judgment granting plaintiff's motion for summary judgment for prospective relief. On June 15, 2012, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed this Court's ruling and remanded this matter to this Court for further proceedings. This Court entered a final order on August 22, 2012, which defendants appealed to the Fourth Circuit whereupon the parties agreed to settle this case on the terms that follow.

WHEREFORE, the parties having freely given their consent, and the terms of this Consent Decree being fair, reasonable, and just, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that:

1. Defendant Long shall maintain for at least 2 years and shall make available for public inspection and, where available, photocopying at a reasonable cost, completed voter registration applications with the social security numbers redacted.

2. Defendant Palmer shall adopt guidelines designed to promote compliance with this Consent Decree throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

3. Notwithstanding the public disclosure provisions of the National Voter Registration Act, Defendants, in addition to redacting or authorizing the redaction of social security numbers, are authorized to redact or give guidance authorizing the redaction, of the residence street address of any individual that provides a post office box address in lieu of his street address as provided for by Va. Code §§ 24.2-418.B and -444(C)(ii), as those sections are codified at the time of this order.

And it is SO ORDERED.

/s/
Rebecca Beach Smith
Chief
United States District Judge *RBS*
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: January 30, 2013

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