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**U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan (Detroit)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:20-cv-11605-SFC-DRG**

Kishore et al v. Whitmer et al  
Assigned to: District Judge Sean F. Cox  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge David R. Grand  
Case in other court: U.S. Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit, 20-01661  
Cause: 28:1983 Civil Rights

Date Filed: 06/18/2020  
Date Terminated: 09/09/2020  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 441 Civil Rights: Voting  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/18/2020	<a href="#"><u>1</u></a> <b>R</b>	COMPLAINT <i>for declaratory and injunctive relief</i> filed by All Plaintiffs against All Defendants. <b>Plaintiff requests summons issued.</b> Receipt No: AMIEDC-7872942 - Fee: \$ 400. <b>County of 1st Plaintiff: Oakland - County Where Action Arose: Oakland - County of 1st Defendant: Ingham. [Previously dismissed case: No] [Possible companion case(s): None]</b> (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Civil Cover Sheet) (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 06/18/2020)
06/18/2020	<a href="#"><u>2</u></a>	SUMMONS Issued for *Jocelyn Benson, Jonathan Brater, Gretchen Whitmer* (SKra) (Entered: 06/18/2020)
06/18/2020	<a href="#"><u>3</u></a>	MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order , MOTION for Preliminary Injunction by All Plaintiffs. (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Exhibit Affidavit of Joseph Kishore, Socialist Equality Party candidate for U.S. president, and exhibits, # <a href="#"><u>2</u></a> Exhibit Affidavit of Helen Halyard, veteran socialist campaigner, # <a href="#"><u>3</u></a> Exhibit Affidavit of Henrietta Freeman, Detroit public schoolteacher, # <a href="#"><u>4</u></a> Exhibit Affidavit of Florlisa Stebbins, Flint water activist, # <a href="#"><u>5</u></a> Exhibit Affidavit of Gregory Near, retired Michigan Opera Theater Orchestra musician, # <a href="#"><u>6</u></a> Exhibit Affidavit of Richard Winger and exhibits) (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 06/18/2020)
06/19/2020	<a href="#"><u>4</u></a>	NOTICE TO APPEAR BY TELEPHONE: <b>Status Conference set for 6/23/2020 at 11:30 AM before District Judge Sean F. Cox.</b> (JMcC) (Entered: 06/19/2020)
06/22/2020	<a href="#"><u>5</u></a>	CERTIFICATE of Service/Summons Returned Executed. All Defendants. (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 06/22/2020)
06/23/2020		Minute Entry for proceedings before District Judge Sean F. Cox: Telephonic Status Conference held on 6/23/2020. (Court Reporter: None Present, Not on the Record) (JMcC) (Entered: 06/23/2020)
06/23/2020	<a href="#"><u>6</u></a>	ORDER re <a href="#"><u>3</u></a> MOTION for Temporary Restraining, Order MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by Joseph Tanniru Kishore, Norissa Santa Cruz. ( <b>Response due by 8:00 a.m. on 6/29/2020, Reply due by 8:00 a.m. 6/30/2020, Motion Hearing set for</b>

		<b>7/2/2020 at 03:00 PM before District Judge Sean F. Cox</b> ) Signed by District Judge Sean F. Cox. (JMcC) (Entered: 06/23/2020)
06/23/2020	<a href="#"><u>7</u></a>	NOTICE OF HEARING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE on <a href="#"><u>3</u></a> MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order MOTION for Preliminary Injunction. <b>Motion Hearing set for 7/2/2020 at 03:00 PM before District Judge Sean F. Cox</b>  Zoom Webinar Information: Please click the link below to join the webinar: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95369587751?pwd=TmFxdENCb2VvVDc3cHZKSj9mYkE5Zz09">https://zoom.us/j/95369587751?</a> pwd=TmFxdENCb2VvVDc3cHZKSj9mYkE5Zz09 Password: 809037 Or iPhone one-tap : US: +16027530140,,95369587751#,,,0#,,809037# or +12133388477,,95369587751#,,,0#,,809037# (JMcC) (Entered: 06/23/2020)
06/26/2020	<a href="#"><u>8</u></a>	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Heather S. Meingast appearing on behalf of Jocelyn Benson, Jonathan Brater, Gretchen Whitmer (Meingast, Heather) (Entered: 06/26/2020)
06/26/2020	<a href="#"><u>9</u></a>	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Erik A. Grill appearing on behalf of Jocelyn Benson, Jonathan Brater, Gretchen Whitmer (Grill, Erik) (Entered: 06/26/2020)
06/29/2020	<a href="#"><u>10</u></a>	RESPONSE to <a href="#"><u>3</u></a> MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by Jocelyn Benson, Jonathan Brater, Gretchen Whitmer. (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Index of Exhibits Exhibit List, # <a href="#"><u>2</u></a> Exhibit A. Declaration of Jonathan Brater) (Meingast, Heather) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/29/2020	<a href="#"><u>11</u></a>	Ex Parte MOTION for Leave to File Excess Pages by Jocelyn Benson, Jonathan Brater, Gretchen Whitmer. (Meingast, Heather) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/29/2020		TEXT-ONLY ORDER Granting <a href="#"><u>11</u></a> Ex Parte MOTION for Leave to File Excess Pages. Signed by District Judge Sean F. Cox. (MacKay, K) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/29/2020	<a href="#"><u>12</u></a>	ORDER Regarding Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Signed by District Judge Sean F. Cox. (MacKay, K) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/29/2020	<a href="#"><u>13</u></a>	AFFIDAVIT of Kishore re <a href="#"><u>12</u></a> Order by All Plaintiffs (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/29/2020	<a href="#"><u>14</u></a>	AMENDED ORDER Regarding Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Signed by District Judge Sean F. Cox. (MacKay, K) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/29/2020	<a href="#"><u>15</u></a>	REPLY to Response re <a href="#"><u>3</u></a> MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by All Plaintiffs. (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Exhibit Affidavit of campaign volunteer Singh Ghuman, # <a href="#"><u>2</u></a> Exhibit Contemporaneous notes of campaign volunteer Singh Ghuman) (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
07/02/2020		Minute Entry for proceedings before District Judge Sean F. Cox: Motion Hearing held on 7/2/2020 re <a href="#"><u>3</u></a> MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by Joseph Tanniru Kishore, Norissa Santa Cruz. Disposition: Motion taken under advisement (Court Reporter: Christin Russell) (JMcC) (Entered: 07/06/2020)
07/03/2020	<a href="#"><u>16</u></a>	NOTICE by Joseph Tanniru Kishore, Norissa Santa Cruz (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Exhibit SawariMedia LLC v. Whitmer decision) (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 07/03/2020)
07/08/2020	<a href="#"><u>17</u></a> 	OPINION AND ORDER Denying <a href="#"><u>3</u></a> Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Signed by District Judge Sean F. Cox. (JMcC) (Entered: 07/08/2020)
07/09/2020	<a href="#"><u>18</u></a>	TRANSCRIPT of Motion Hearing held on 7/2/2020. (Court Reporter/Transcriber: Christin E. Russell) (Number of Pages: 22) The parties have 21 days to file with the court and Court Reporter/Transcriber a Redaction Request of this transcript. If no request is filed, the transcript may be made remotely electronically available to the public without redaction after 90 days. Redaction Request due 7/30/2020. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 8/10/2020. Release of Transcript Restriction set for

		10/7/2020. Transcript may be viewed at the court public terminal or purchased through the Court Reporter/Transcriber before the deadline for Release of Transcript Restriction. After that date, the transcript is publicly available. (Russell, C.) (Entered: 07/09/2020)
07/13/2020	<a href="#"><u>19</u></a>	NOTICE OF APPEAL by Joseph Tanniru Kishore, Norissa Santa Cruz re <a href="#"><u>17</u></a> <b>R</b> Order on Motion for TRO, Order on Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Receipt No: AMIEDC-7920928 - Fee: \$ 505 - Fee Status: Fee Paid. (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 07/13/2020)
07/13/2020	<a href="#"><u>20</u></a>	Certificate of Service re <a href="#"><u>19</u></a> Notice of Appeal. (SKra) (Entered: 07/13/2020)
07/15/2020	<a href="#"><u>21</u></a>	ORDER from U.S. Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit re <a href="#"><u>19</u></a> Notice of Appeal filed by Joseph Tanniru Kishore, Norissa Santa Cruz [Appeal Case Number 20-1661] (TTho) (Entered: 07/15/2020)
07/17/2020	<a href="#"><u>22</u></a>	STIPULATION AND ORDER Extending Time for Defendants to Respond re <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> <b>R</b> Complaint. ( <b>Responsive Pleading due by 7/24/2020</b> ) Signed by District Judge Sean F. Cox. (JMcC) (Entered: 07/17/2020)
07/29/2020	<a href="#"><u>23</u></a>	STIPULATION AND ORDER Extending Time for Defendants to Respond re <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> <b>R</b> Complaint. ( <b>Responsive Pleading due by 9/4/2020</b> ) Signed by District Judge Sean F. Cox. (JMcC)ng (Entered: 07/29/2020)
08/24/2020	<a href="#"><u>24</u></a>	OPINION AND JUDGMENT from U.S. Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit re <a href="#"><u>19</u></a> Notice of Appeal filed by Joseph Tanniru Kishore, Norissa Santa Cruz [Appeal Case Number 20-1661] (TTho) (Entered: 08/24/2020)
09/09/2020	<a href="#"><u>25</u></a>	NOTICE of Voluntary Dismissal by All Plaintiffs (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 09/09/2020)
09/16/2020	<a href="#"><u>26</u></a>	MANDATE from U.S. Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit as to <a href="#"><u>19</u></a> Notice of Appeal filed by Joseph Tanniru Kishore, Norissa Santa Cruz [Appeal Case Number 20-1661] (TTho) (Entered: 09/16/2020)