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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

BERTHA ARANDA GLATT,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF PASCO, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No.: 4:16-CV-05108-LRS

JOINT MOTION TO EXPEDITE
JOINT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF
PARTIAL CONSENT DECREE

August 29, 2016 (without oral argument)

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I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(h)(2)(C), all parties to this proceeding respectfully request that this Court consider the Parties' Joint Motion for Entry of Partial Consent Decree on an expedited basis. Local Rule 7.1(h)(2)(A) provides that a hearing date must generally be set at least 30 days after a motion's filing. However, the Court may alter these time requirements for time sensitive matters. Local Rule 7.1(h)(2)(C).

II. DISCUSSION

1. The matter before the Court is one where time is of the essence. As such, the Parties request that this Court review the Joint Motion for Entry of Partial Consent Decree on an expedited schedule to ensure that the City of Pasco will have resolution of questions regarding its City Council election system early enough that it can implement any new system in time for its 2017 elections. (Candidate filing for the 2017 Pasco City Council election begins on May 1, 2017 and ends May 17, 2017.)

2. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was enacted to eradicate and prevent discrimination in voting opportunities. An election system that violates the Voting Rights Act must be struck down and a remedy imposed before any subsequent elections proceed. Timely remedial action is necessary in order to protect the important right to vote and participate in the political process. To ensure that the

Parties pursue remedial relief in a timely manner, the Parties have drafted a timeline that includes a date for a meet-and-confer and subsequent deadlines for presenting remedial election plans to the Court.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Parties respectfully request that the Court expedite the Joint Motion for Entry of Partial Consent Decree and note it for September 2, 2016.

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