

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**Form 7. Mediation Questionnaire**

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**9th Cir. Case Number(s)**

**Case Name**

**Counsel submitting this form**

**Represented party/parties**

*Briefly describe the dispute that gave rise to this lawsuit.*

This dispute involves the Washington State Legislative Map that was passed by the Washington State Redistricting Commission following the 2020 decennial census. Plaintiffs allege that LD-15, an area that is contained within the a five county area surrounding Yakima, WA, violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

*Briefly describe the result below and the main issues on appeal.*

The court below found that the enacted Washington State Legislative map was drawn in a manner that violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act as it pertains to the state legislative district in the Yakima Valley (presently LD-15).

The main issues on appeal surround whether Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act requires that a district be drawn with a super-majority Hispanic Citizen Voting Age Population so as to elect their candidate of choice.

*Describe any proceedings remaining below or any related proceedings in other tribunals.*

Currently, the court below in this matter (Palmer) is engaged in a remedial map-drawing process and has given the State an opportunity to enact a new map pursuant to State law by February, 2024.

Additionally, Garcia v. Hobbs, et al., 3:22cv5152, W.D. Wash., is a related matter that concerns the same Washington State Legislative Map. Here, Garcia filed a Fourteenth Amendment racial gerrymander claim against the State of Washington. A three-judge court denied Plaintiff Garcia's requested relief on 9/08/2023.

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