

The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE**

SUSAN SOTO PALMER, et al.,  
  
                                Plaintiffs,  
  
                                v.  
  
STEVEN HOBBS, in his official capacity  
as Secretary of State of Washington, and  
the STATE OF WASHINGTON,  
  
                                Defendants,  
  
                                and  
  
JOSE TREVINO, et al.,  
  
                                Intervenor-Defendants.

NO. 3:22-cv-5035-RSL  
  
STATE OF WASHINGTON’S  
RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS’  
REMEDIAL PROPOSALS

Pursuant to this Court’s October 4, 2023 Order (Dkt. # 230), the State of Washington submits the following response to the proposed remedial maps submitted by Plaintiffs.

The State does not dispute Plaintiffs’ assertion that each map “is a complete and comprehensive remedy to Plaintiffs’ Section 2 harms . . . .” Dkt. # 245 at p. 2. The State defers to the Court on which remedial map best provides Latino voters with an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice while also balancing traditional redistricting criteria and federal law.

1 Additionally, as the Court is well aware, one key consideration in creating LD 15 was  
2 respecting the sovereign interests of the Yakama Nation. These interests should likewise be  
3 respected in any court-ordered remedial map. To the extent the Yakama Nation wishes to be  
4 heard on the matter, the State defers to them to express their own sovereign interests.

5 DATED this 22nd day of December 2023.

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17 I certify that this memorandum contains 149 words,  
18 in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I hereby declare that on this day I caused the foregoing document to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the Court’s CM/ECF System which will serve a copy of this document upon all counsel of record.

DATED this 22nd day of December 2023, at Seattle, Washington.

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