

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

Laura Boustani, Mutsuyo Okumura Unger,)
Chia-Min T. Chen, Mary Savas, Efty)
Simakis, Sophia Loizos, Paramjit Singh,)
Joseph Hajjar, Catherine Ma, Sagarika)
Nayak, Eduardo A. Romero, Karil)
Bialostosky, Dagmar Celeste, Ali AlHaddad)
MD, Sawsan Alhaddad MD, Gia Hoa Ryan,)
Margaret Wong, P.S. Murthy, Asian)
American Bar Association of Ohio, The)
Federation of India Community Association,)
Service Employees International Union)
District 1199, American-Arab Anti-) Civil Action No. 06-2065
Discrimination Committee, Greater Toledo)
Association of Arab Americans, Council on)
American-Islamic Relations Ohio,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
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J. Kenneth Blackwell,)
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Defendant.)

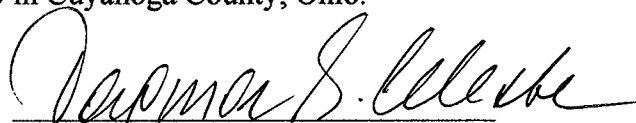
DECLARATION OF DAGMAR CELESTE

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I, Dagmar Celeste, being of sound mind, declare and state as follows:

- (1) I am a citizen of the United States and reside in Cuyahoga County, Ohio at 1870 W 44th St., Cleveland, OH 44113.
- (2) I am 64 years old and was born in Austria. I moved to the United States in 1962. I became a citizen of the United States in or about 1965.
- (3) I have lived in Ohio since 1962. I was the First Lady of Ohio from 1983 through 1991.
- (4) I registered to vote the day I became a citizen. I have voted in just about every primary and general election since then. I plan to vote in the November 2006 general election and the elections that follow. My right to vote is precious to me, and I believe it is one of my responsibilities to vote.
- (5) I have been active in encouraging others to participate in the political process.
- (6) It is my understanding that, if my eligibility to vote were challenged at the polls for being a non-citizen, I would be required to present my original certificate of naturalization. I do not know where my certificate of naturalization is.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 25th day of August 2006 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.


Dagmar Celeste