

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and
ERIC H. HOLDER, JR., in his official
capacity as Attorney General of the United
States,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 11-01428
(CKK) (MG) (ESH)

ORDER
(October 19, 2011)

Before the Court are the following motions:

- the [10/13] Amended Motion for Leave to Intervene as Defendants by Kenneth Sullivan, Albert Leo Sullivan, Michael Berman, Senator Arthenia Joyner, Representative Janet Cruz, Helen Gordon Davis, Joyce Hamilton Henry, Harold Weeks, Ophelia Allen, Project Vote, Voting for America, Harry L. Sawyer, Jr., Ion Sancho, Reverend Tom Scott, and the Florida AFL-CIO (collectively, the “Sullivan Group”);
- the [15] Motion to Intervene as Defendants by the Florida State Conference of the NAACP, Belinthia Berry, Sharon Carter, Ella Kate Coffee, Howard Harris, Dianne Hart, Yvette Lewis, Marvin Martin, Charles McKenzie, Jr., Earl Rutledge, Alonda Vaughan, and Paulette Walker (collectively, the “NAACP Group”); and
- the [16] Motion to Intervene as Defendants by the National Council of La Raza and the League of Women Voters of Florida (the “NCLR Group”).

In each instance, the movants seek leave to intervene in this action either as of right, *see* FED. R. CIV. P. 24(a)(2), or permissively, *see* FED. R. CIV. P. 24(b)(1). Plaintiff and Defendants oppose intervention as of right, but do not oppose permissive intervention. Upon consideration of the parties' submissions, the relevant authorities, and the record as whole, it is, this 19th day of October, 2011, hereby

ORDERED that the Sullivan Group's [10/13] Amended Motion for Leave to Intervene as Defendants, the NAACP Group's [15] Motion to Intervene as Defendants, and the NCLR Group's [16] Motion to Intervene as Defendants are **GRANTED** pursuant to Rule 24(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; it is further

ORDERED that the Sullivan Group, the NAACP Group, and the NCLR Group (collectively, "Defendant-Intervenors") shall confer with each other and Defendants prior to the filing of any motion, responsive filing, brief, or discovery request to determine whether Defendant-Intervenors' positions can be set forth in a consolidated fashion so that duplication of effort and redundant filings are avoided. Separate filings by Defendant-Intervenors shall include certificates of compliance with this requirement and briefly describe the need for separate filings; and it is further

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ORDERED that Defendant-Intervenors shall file their Answer(s) to the [39] First Amended Complaint for Declaratory Judgment by no later than **Friday, October 28, 2011**.

SO ORDERED.

/s/

MERRICK B. GARLAND
United States Circuit Judge

/s/

ELLEN S. HUVELLE
United States District Judge

/s/

COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY
United States District Judge