

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

RASHEED WALTERS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL, et al.

Defendants.

C.A. No.: 1:22-cv-12048-PBS

Oral Argument Requested

**MOTION BY THE NAACP BOSTON BRANCH, MASSVOTE, MASSACHUSETTS
VOTER TABLE, LA COLABORATIVA, CHINESE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION,
AND NEW ENGLAND UNITED FOR JUSTICE FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to Rule 24(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the NAACP Boston Branch, MassVOTE, the Massachusetts Voter Table, La Colaborativa, the Chinese Progressive Association, and New England United for Justice (the “Proposed Intervenors”) respectfully request leave to intervene as defendants in the above-captioned action. In the alternative, Proposed Intervenors respectfully request that this Court exercise its discretion under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(b) to grant them leave to intervene. In support of this Motion, the Proposed Intervenors submit the accompanying Memorandum of Law.

As detailed more fully in that Memorandum, the Proposed Intervenors respectfully request to intervene for the following reasons: (1) the request is timely because the case is in its early stages and Proposed Intervenors have moved swiftly; (2) the Proposed Intervenors have direct and important interests at stake in the litigation; (3) those interests would be adversely affected by a disposition in Plaintiffs’ favor; and (4) the Defendants cannot adequately protect those interests as Defendants’ goals have dramatically diverged from those of Proposed Intervenors. Moreover, Proposed Intervenors are well positioned to assist the Court in developing a much more

comprehensive record. Accordingly, the Proposed Intervenors respectfully request that the Court grant their request to intervene in this matter.

The Proposed Intervenors also respectfully request that the Court waive Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(c), requiring that the Proposed Intervenors serve an answer, or other pleading, concurrently with this Motion. *See, e.g., Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence Corp. v. School Committee of City of Boston*, 1:21-cv-10330-WGY, ECF No. 27 (D. Mass. 2021) (granting such relief); *American Waterways Operator v. United States Coast Guard*, 1:18-cv-12070-DJC, ECF No. 51, (D. Mass. July 10, 2019) (same); *see also Windsor v. United States*, 797 F. Supp. 2d 320, 325-26 (S.D.N.Y. 2011); *Peaje Invs. LLC v. García-Padilla*, 845 F.3d 505, 516 n.7 (1st Cir. 2017). If the Court allows this Motion but does not waive other requirements of Rule 24(c), the Proposed Intervenors respectfully request an opportunity to file an answer, or other responsive pleading, to the Complaint within five business days of the allowance of this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Proposed Intervenors respectfully request that this Court: grant their Motion and permit the Proposed Intervenors to intervene as defendants pursuant to Rule 24(a) or, in the alternative, Rule 24(b); and waive the requirements of Rule 24(c).

Dated: May 17, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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