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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 SUSAN SOTO PALMER, *et al.*,

9 Plaintiffs,

10 v.

11 STEVEN HOBBS, *et al.*,

12 Defendants,

13 And

14 JOSE TREVINO, *et al.*,

15 Intervenor-Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:22-cv-05035-RSL

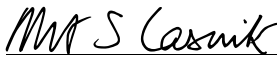
ORDER

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17 On August 10, 2023, the Court found that the boundaries of Washington Legislative
18 District 15, in combination with the social, economic, and historical conditions in the
19 Yakima Valley region, results in an inequality in the electoral opportunities enjoyed by
20 white and Latino voters in the area. Judgment was entered in plaintiffs' favor on their
21 Section 2 Voting Rights Act claim, and the State of Washington was given an opportunity
22 to adopt revised legislative district maps for the Yakima Valley region pursuant to the
23 process set forth in the Washington State Constitution and state statutes. News reports
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1 indicate, however, that the Legislature does not intend to reconvene the bipartisan
2 redistricting commissions.

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4 The State shall file a status report on or before September 29, 2023, formally
5 notifying the Court regarding the Legislature's position. If, as appears to be the case, the
6 Legislature intends to leave the redistricting process to the Court, additional input and
7 information from the parties will be requested.
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10 Dated this 15th day of September, 2023.

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13 Robert S. Lasnik
14 United States District Judge
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