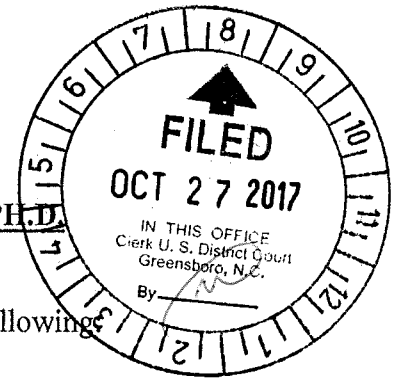


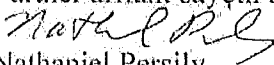
AFFIDAVIT OF NATHANIEL PERSILY, J.D., PH.D.



Nathaniel Persily, first being duly sworn, deposes and says the following:

1. I am a citizen and resident of the State of California. I am currently the James B. McClatchy Professor of Law at Stanford Law School. I am an expert in election law generally, and reapportionment and districting matters in particular. I have served as a special master or court-appointed expert to assist in drafting redistricting plans for the states of Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, and New York.
2. By its order issued on October 26, 2017, the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina has asked me to submit this affidavit disclosing any ground, as specified in 28 U.S.C. § 455, that disqualifies me from serving as a special master in the case of *Covington v. North Carolina*, 1:15cv399.
3. I affirm that there are no grounds that disqualify me from serving as special master in this case.

Further affiant sayeth not.


Nathaniel Persily

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State of California)
County of SANTA CLARA)
On Oct. 26, 2017 before me, BENJAMIN E. BLAY, Notary Public
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer
personally appeared NATHANIEL PERSILY
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature Benjamin E. Blay
Signature of Notary Public

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