

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
CENTRAL DIVISION**

MISSOURI PROTECTION & ADVOCACY )  
SERVICES, VOZKC, Susana Elizarraraz, )  
Manuel Rey Abarca IV, and Barbara Sheinbein; )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

Case No. 2:22-cv-04097-RK

JOHN R. ASHCROFT, in his official capacity as )  
the Missouri Secretary of State; )  
Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners; )  
St. Louis County Board of Elections; and )  
Boone County Clerk; )

Defendants. )

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

The parties submit this status report in accordance with this Court’s May 24, 2024 Order.  
Doc. 70.

On October 25, 2022, the Court held this case in abeyance pending the Eighth Circuit’s decision in *Arkansas United, et al. v. Thurston, et al.*, No. 22-2918 (8th Cir.) (*Arkansas United*), which rests on a substantially similar legal claim as the instant case. Doc. 53.

On February 27, 2024, after the Eighth Circuit reached a decision in *Arkansas State Conference NAACP v. Arkansas Bd. of Apportionment*, 86 F.4th 1204, 1206 (8th Cir. 2023) (*Arkansas NAACP*) and denied a motion for panel rehearing or rehearing *en banc* in that case, the Eighth Circuit vacated the stay on the proceedings in *Arkansas United*. Appellants and Appellees in *Arkansas United* respectively have filed their opening brief and response brief, and Appellants’ reply brief is due on October 16, 2024.

The parties await the Eighth Circuit's decision in *Arkansas United* and suggest that this Court's abeyance in the instant case remain in place until the outcome in *Arkansas United*.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on September 23, 2024, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically and served on all counsel of record by operation of the CM/ECF system.

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