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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

MARK WANDERING MEDICINE;
HUGH CLUB FOOT; LENARD ELK
SHOULDER; CHARLES BEAR COMES
OUT; WINFIELD RUSSELL; JAMES
DAY CHILD; WOODROW BRIEN;
SARAH STRAY CALF; MARTY
OTHER BULL; NEWLYN LITTLE
OWL; DONOVAN ARCHAMBAULT;
ED MOORE; PATTY QUISNO;
MICHAEL D. FOX; FRANK
JEFFERSON; PHYLLIS POND
CULBERTSON,

Plaintiffs - Appellants,

v.

LINDA MCCULLOCH, in her official
capacity as Montana Secretary of State;
GERALDINE CUSTER, in her official
capacity as Rosebud County Clerk and
Recorder; ROSEBUD COUNTY,
MONTANA; ROBERT E. LEE;
DOUGLAS D. MARTENS; DANIEL M.
SIOUX, in their official capacities as
members of the County Board of
Commissioners for Rosebud County,
Montana; SANDRA L. BOARDMAN, in

No. 12-35926

D.C. No. 1:12-cv-00135-RFC

MEMORANDUM*

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

her official capacity as Blaine County Clerk and Recorder; BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA; CHARLIE KULBECK; M. DELORES PLUMMAGE; FRANK DEPRIEST, in their official capacities as members of the County Board of Commissioners, Blaine County, Montana; DULCE BEAR DON'T WALK, in her official capacity of Big Horn County Election Administrator; BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA; SIDNEY FITZPATRICK, Jr.; CHAD FENNER; JOHN PRETTY ON TOP, in their official capacities as members of the county Board of Commissions for Big Horn County, Montana; KIMBERLY YARLOTT, in her official capacity as Big Horn County Clerk and Recorder,

Defendants - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Montana
Richard F. Cebull, Senior District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted October 10, 2013
Portland, Oregon

Before: SILVERMAN, W. FLETCHER, and CALLAHAN, Circuit Judges.

Plaintiffs appeal from the district court's denial of a preliminary injunction to open satellite offices for late registration and in-person absentee voting in Lame

Deer, Fort Belknap, and Crow Agency in Montana. We dismiss the appeal as moot and vacate the district court's order.

When it is no longer possible for this court to grant the relief requested, a case is moot and this court lacks jurisdiction to hear it. *See Dream Palace v. Cnty. of Maricopa*, 384 F.3d 990, 1000 (9th Cir. 2004). Because we conclude that the scope of the preliminary injunction only included the 2012 election, this court can no longer provide plaintiffs with the relief requested—requiring defendants to open satellite offices in time for that election. Although plaintiffs' complaint requested "preliminary and permanent injunctive relief . . . for the 2012 primary election and . . . for all future elections," plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction included no such language, and the evidence presented to the district court focused almost exclusively on the 2012 election. As that election has passed, there is no longer any relief that this court can provide with respect to that election.

Contrary to plaintiffs' arguments, this case does not fall within the "capable of repetition, yet evading review" exception to mootness doctrine. Plaintiffs' request for a permanent injunction remains pending before the district court, so this case is unlikely to "evade review." We trust that the district court will act expeditiously in dealing with plaintiffs' request for a permanent injunction.

In dismissing the appeal as moot and vacating the district court's order, we express no opinion as to the merits of the legal analysis contained in the district court's order.

We deny Appellees' request for "just damages and double costs" under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 38. Each side shall bear its own costs on appeal.

Appeal DISMISSED, Order of the District Court VACATED.

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Information Regarding Judgment and Post-Judgment Proceedings

Judgment

- This Court has filed and entered the attached judgment in your case. Fed. R. App. P. 36. Please note the filed date on the attached decision because all of the dates described below run from that date, not from the date you receive this notice.

Mandate (Fed. R. App. P. 41; 9th Cir. R. 41-1 & -2)

- The mandate will issue 7 days after the expiration of the time for filing a petition for rehearing or 7 days from the denial of a petition for rehearing, unless the Court directs otherwise. To file a motion to stay the mandate, file it electronically via the appellate ECF system or, if you are a pro se litigant or an attorney with an exemption from using appellate ECF, file one original motion on paper.

Petition for Panel Rehearing (Fed. R. App. P. 40; 9th Cir. R. 40-1)

Petition for Rehearing En Banc (Fed. R. App. P. 35; 9th Cir. R. 35-1 to -3)

(1) A. Purpose (Panel Rehearing):

- A party should seek panel rehearing only if one or more of the following grounds exist:
 - ▶ A material point of fact or law was overlooked in the decision;
 - ▶ A change in the law occurred after the case was submitted which appears to have been overlooked by the panel; or
 - ▶ An apparent conflict with another decision of the Court was not addressed in the opinion.
- Do not file a petition for panel rehearing merely to reargue the case.

B. Purpose (Rehearing En Banc)

- A party should seek en banc rehearing only if one or more of the following grounds exist:

- ▶ Consideration by the full Court is necessary to secure or maintain uniformity of the Court's decisions; or
- ▶ The proceeding involves a question of exceptional importance; or
- ▶ The opinion directly conflicts with an existing opinion by another court of appeals or the Supreme Court and substantially affects a rule of national application in which there is an overriding need for national uniformity.

(2) Deadlines for Filing:

- A petition for rehearing may be filed within 14 days after entry of judgment. Fed. R. App. P. 40(a)(1).
- If the United States or an agency or officer thereof is a party in a civil case, the time for filing a petition for rehearing is 45 days after entry of judgment. Fed. R. App. P. 40(a)(1).
- If the mandate has issued, the petition for rehearing should be accompanied by a motion to recall the mandate.
- *See* Advisory Note to 9th Cir. R. 40-1 (petitions must be received on the due date).
- An order to publish a previously unpublished memorandum disposition extends the time to file a petition for rehearing to 14 days after the date of the order of publication or, in all civil cases in which the United States or an agency or officer thereof is a party, 45 days after the date of the order of publication. 9th Cir. R. 40-2.

(3) Statement of Counsel

- A petition should contain an introduction stating that, in counsel's judgment, one or more of the situations described in the "purpose" section above exist. The points to be raised must be stated clearly.

(4) Form & Number of Copies (9th Cir. R. 40-1; Fed. R. App. P. 32(c)(2))

- The petition shall not exceed 15 pages unless it complies with the alternative length limitations of 4,200 words or 390 lines of text.
- The petition must be accompanied by a copy of the panel's decision being challenged.
- An answer, when ordered by the Court, shall comply with the same length limitations as the petition.
- If a pro se litigant elects to file a form brief pursuant to Circuit Rule 28-1, a petition for panel rehearing or for rehearing en banc need not comply with Fed. R. App. P. 32.

- The petition or answer must be accompanied by a Certificate of Compliance found at Form 11, available on our website at www.ca9.uscourts.gov under *Forms*.
- You may file a petition electronically via the appellate ECF system. No paper copies are required unless the Court orders otherwise. If you are a pro se litigant or an attorney exempted from using the appellate ECF system, file one original petition on paper. No additional paper copies are required unless the Court orders otherwise.

Bill of Costs (Fed. R. App. P. 39, 9th Cir. R. 39-1)

- The Bill of Costs must be filed within 14 days after entry of judgment.
- See Form 10 for additional information, available on our website at www.ca9.uscourts.gov under *Forms*.

Attorneys Fees

- Ninth Circuit Rule 39-1 describes the content and due dates for attorneys fees applications.
- All relevant forms are available on our website at www.ca9.uscourts.gov under *Forms* or by telephoning (415) 355-7806.

Petition for a Writ of Certiorari

- Please refer to the Rules of the United States Supreme Court at www.supremecourt.gov

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 - ▶ Thomson Reuters; 610 Opperman Drive; PO Box 64526; St. Paul, MN 55164-0526 (Attn: Jean Green, Senior Publications Coordinator);
 - ▶ and electronically file a copy of the letter via the appellate ECF system by using "File Correspondence to Court," or if you are an attorney exempted from using the appellate ECF system, mail the Court one copy of the letter.

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Note: If you wish to file a bill of costs, it **MUST** be submitted on this form and filed, with the clerk, with proof of service, within 14 days of the date of entry of judgment, and in accordance with 9th Circuit Rule 39-1. A late bill of costs must be accompanied by a motion showing good cause. Please refer to FRAP 39, 28 U.S.C. § 1920, and 9th Circuit Rule 39-1 when preparing your bill of costs.

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