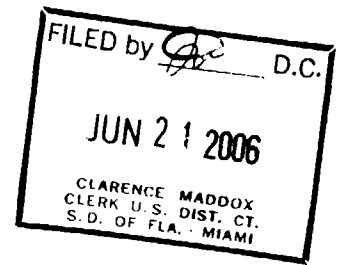


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
MIAMI DIVISION



CASE NO. 04-22572-CIV-KING

EMMA YAIZA DIAZ; JOHN A. LANMAN;
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR
AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL
ORGANIZATIONS; AMERICAN FEDERATION
OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO; FLORIDA
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 79,
AFSCME, AFL-CIO; and SERVICE
EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL
UNION,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SUE M. COBB, Secretary of State of Florida;
BRENDA SNIPES, Broward County Supervisor of
Elections; JERRY HOLLAND, Duval County Supervisor
of Elections; LESTER SOLA, Miami-Dade
Supervisor of Elections; BILL COWLES, Orange County
Supervisor of Elections; and ARTHUR ANDERSON, Palm
Beach County Supervisor of Elections,

Defendants.

ORDER DENYING REPUBLICAN PARTY'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

This Cause comes before the Court upon the Republican Party of Florida's
Renewed Motion to Intervene (DE # 148), filed May 12, 2006.¹

The Republican Party seeks to intervene as a Defendant in this Case. The Court is
hesitant to allow intervention on behalf of governmental defendants, particularly where,

¹ Plaintiffs responded May 26, 2006 (DE # 157); the Republican Party Replied
June 8, 2006 (DE # 163).

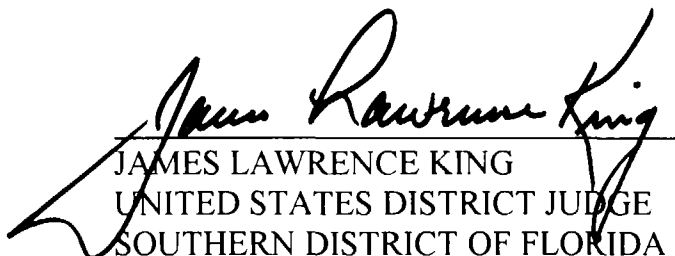
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as here, the defendants all vigorously defend the case. With the September and November elections approaching, the Court is particularly mindful of the potential for delay if the Motion were to be granted. Plaintiffs correctly note that Defendants' interest in defeating Plaintiffs' Claims aligns perfectly with the interests of the Republican Party.

Accordingly, after a careful review of the Record, and the Court being otherwise fully advised, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the Republican Party of Florida's Renewed Motion to Intervene (**DE # 148**) be, and the same is hereby **DENIED**.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at the James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building and United States Courthouse, Miami, Florida, this 21st day of June, 2006.


JAMES LAWRENCE KING
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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