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14	WASHINGTON DEMOCRATIC	ATTORNEY FEES AND
15	CENTRAL COMMITTEE, et al.,	FOR COSTS
16	Plaintiff Intervenors,	
17	LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF	·
18	WASHINGTON STATE, et al.,	
19	Plaintiff Intervenors,	
20	v.	
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- I, Jeffrey T. Even, being first duly sworn upon oath, declare as follows:
- 1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Washington and admitted to the bar of this court. I am currently employed as a Deputy Solicitor General for the state of Washington. I am one of the counsel for Defendant Intervenors State of Washington, Secretary of State Sam Reed, and Attorney General Rob McKenna in this action.
- 2. Attached as exhibits to this declaration are true and correct copies of the following documents:
 - a. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the cost bill submitted by the State of Washington to the Court of Appeals.
 - b. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of an unpublished Order entered by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on August 22, 2006, regarding liability for, but not the amount of, attorneys' fees in this action.
 - c. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of a Stipulation and Order Regarding Attorneys' Fees and Costs on Appeal, filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on September 18, 2006.
 - d. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of an Order entered by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on October 3, 2006.
 - e. Attached as Exhibit E are true and correct copies of three letters that my office sent to the lead counsel for the Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian Parties, respectively, on October 4, 2006. Enclosed with each letter were checks in the full amounts awarded to each party as fees and costs in this action, copies of which are also included. Each of these letters were sent via UPS for next day delivery. Copies of these letters and checks were

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- provided to the Court of Appeals in this matter, in support of the State's motion to recover attorney fees.
- f. Attached as Exhibit F are true and correct copies of images of the checks, showing their front and back and showing that each of them was redeemed.
- g. Attached as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of a letter that I caused to be sent to the lead counsel for the Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian Parties, respectively, on April 1, 2008, requesting cooperation of each party in stipulating to reimbursement of attorneys' fees and costs paid. All three parties opposed this request before the Court of Appeals.
- h. Attached as Exhibit H is a true and correct copy of the State's Motion to Vacate Award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs, For Judgment Awarding Restitution of Fees and Costs, and For Costs, filed in the Court of Appeals on April 23, 2008.
- i. Attached as Exhibit I is a true and correct copy of the Order issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on October 2, 2008, remanding this case to this Court, and vacating its orders of August 22, 2006, and October 3, 2006 (Exhibits B and D hereto).
- 3. I swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct and of my own knowledge, and that I executed this declaration at Olympia, Washington, in the County of Thurston, this 19^{15} day of November, 2008.

Jeffrey T. Even WSBA #20367

EXHIBIT A

NO.05-35774; 05-35780

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY, et al.,

COST BILL

Appellee/Plaintiffs,

WASHINGTON DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, et al.,

Appellee/Plaintiff Intervenors,

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON STATE, et al.,

Appellee/Plaintiff Intervenors,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

Appellant/Defendant Intervenor,

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE,

Appellant/Defendant Intervenor.

The clerk is requested to tax costs, in favor of the State of Washington, Rob McKenna and Sam Reed, and against the Appellees, Washington State Republican Party, et. al, Washington Democratic Central Committee, et. al, and Libertarian

Party of Washington State, et. al, as indicated on the attached Ninth Circuit Form 10 (Bill of Costs).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23rd day of April, 2008.

ROBERT M. MCKENNA Attorney General

MAUREEN HART, WSBA #7831 Solicitor General

JAMES K. PHARRIS, WSBA #5313 JEFFREY T. EVEN, WSBA # 20367 Deputy Solicitors General

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Counsel for Appellants State of Washington, Rob McKenna, and Sam Reed Form 10. Bill of Costs (Rev. 1-1-05)

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

BILL OF COSTS

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 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 Circuit Rule 39-1 when preparing your bill of costs.

Republican Party v. State

CA No. 05-35774; 05-35780

The Clerk is requested to tax the following costs against: Appellees Wash. State Republican Party, et al; Wash. Democratic Central Committee, et al.; and Libertarian Party, et al.

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Form 10. Bill of Costs - Continued

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I, JEFFREY T. EVEN, swear under penalty of perjury that the services for which costs are taxed were actually and necessarily performed, and that the requested costs were actually expended as listed.							
Signature: <u>Off J. Ever</u> Date: <u>APM</u> 23, 2008							
Date: APAIC 23, 2008							
Name of Counsel (printed or typed): Jeffrey T. Even Attorney for: Appellants State of Washington, Rob McKenna and Sam Reed							
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Clerk of Court By: ______, Deputy Clerk

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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY; DIANE TEBELIUS; BERTABELLE HUBKA; STEVE NEIGHBORS; MIKE GASTON; MARCY COLLINS; MICHAEL YOUNG,

Plaintiffs - Appellees,

and

WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE; PAUL BERENDT; LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON STATE; RUTH BENNETT; J. S. MILLS,

Plaintiff-Intervenors - Appellees,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON; ROB MCKENNA, Attorney General; SAM REED, Secretary of State; WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE,

Defendant-Intervenors - Appellants.

Nos. 05-35774 05-35780

D.C. No. CV-05-00927-TSZ Western District of Washington, Seattle

ORDER

Before: D.W. NELSON, RYMER and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

In connection with the appeal we decided in *Wash. State Republican Party*v. *Washington*, ____ F.3d ____ (9th Cir. 2006), appellant Washington State

Republican Party argued in its brief that Washington State and the Washington

State Grange, both appellees in that suit, "should be jointly and severably liable

for the Party's attorneys' fees [on] appeal." Appellant Washington State

Democratic Central Committee also argued that it "is entitled to an award of

attorney's fees against the Grange." And the Libertarian Party of Washington

State argued generally that it "should be awarded its attorney fees for this appeal"

without specifying who should pay. In a reply brief, the Grange responded to the

political parties' arguments that it should be liable for attorney's fees, but the State

of Washington remained silent on this issue. We construe all of these arguments

as motions and responses to motions for attorney's fees.

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"Under our construction of 42 U.S.C. § 1988, a prevailing party in a § 1983 action should ordinarily recover an attorney's fee unless special circumstances could render such an award unjust." *Democratic Party of Wash. v. Reed*[hereinafter *Reed II*], 388 F.3d 1281, 1285 (9th Cir. 2004) (published order)
(internal quotation marks omitted). We concluded that no such special circumstance existed when the political parties challenged Washington's previous version of the blanket primary. *See id.* at 1288. Washington has not raised the special circumstance defense to attorney's fees in this appeal. Because we find no

significant difference between this case and *Reed II* with respect to attorney's fees owed by Washington, we award reasonable attorney's fees to the political parties as against the State of Washington.

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The Republican and Democratic parties contend that attorney's fees should also be awarded against the Grange. We disagree. In *Reed II*, we held that "§ 1988 fee awards should be made against losing intervenors, only where the intervenors' action was frivolous, unreasonable, or without foundation." *Id*. (internal quotation marks omitted). We reasoned that "[t]he relief sought by the plaintiffs was abolition of the Washington 'blanket primary.' The Grange, an intervening defendant, could neither have granted that relief nor denied it." *Id*. The Grange was likewise incapable of abolishing Initiative 872 here once it had been approved by the voters.

Further, although the Grange sponsored Initiative 872, we cannot say that this legislative effort was either frivolous, unreasonable or without foundation. Rather it was a nonfrivolous and reasonable response to the Supreme Court's ruling in *Cal. Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S. 567 (2000), and our ruling in *Democratic Party of Wash. v. Reed* [hereinafter *Reed I*], 343 F.3d 1198 (9th Cir. 2003). The foundation for the Grange's effort was the Supreme Court's dictum describing a permissible nonpartisan blanket primary in *Jones. See* 530 U.S. at 585-86. Although we have concluded that the Grange's efforts to create a

Party, ___ F.3d at ___, we recognize that the Grange made a good faith attempt to synthesize the holdings of *Jones* and *Reed I* as well as the *Jones* dictum regarding a nonpartisan blanket primary to create an electoral system that not only comports with the requirements of the Constitution but is also true to Washington's unique political tradition. Under the circumstances, the Grange does not owe attorney's fees to the political parties in this case.

EXHIBIT C

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Document 131

WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY, et al.,

Appellee/Plaintiffs,

WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, et al.,

Appellee/Plaintiff Intervenors,

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON STATE, et al.,

Appellee/Plaintiff Intervenors,

DEAN LOGAN, King County Records & Elections Division Manager, et al.,

Defendants,

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

Appellants/Defendant Intervenors,

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE,

Appellant/Defendant Intervenor.

05-35774 05-35780 Nos.

Dist. Ct. No. CV05-0927Z Western District of Washington, Seattle

STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS ON APPEAL

Appellees Washington State Republican Party, et al. ("Republican Party"), Washington State Democratic Central Committee, et al. ("Democratic Party"), and Libertarian Party of Washington State, et al. ("Libertarian Party"), by and through their respective counsel of record, join with appellants State of Washington, et al. ("State") by and through their respective counsel of record, in stipulating that appellants are entitled to an order requiring the State to pay appellees' attorneys' fees and costs in the following amounts, incurred to date in the Ninth Circuit portion of the Appeal:

Republican Party: \$54,457.65 (attorneys' fees); \$639.60 (costs)

Democratic Party: \$37, 460.77 (attorneys' fees); \$213.20 (costs)

Libertarian Party: \$14,977.80 (attorney's fees); \$1,323.32 (costs)

The parties agree that this stipulation relates only to fees and costs incurred by appellees in the appeal of the District Court's July 29, 2005 Order ("the Appeal") to the date of this Order. Appellees are not entitled to an award of any fees or costs incurred in the Ninth Circuit portion of the Appeal beyond the amounts awarded under this stipulation and order, to the date of this Order. No waiver is intended of any claims for further proceedings in the appeal or in any other aspect of the case (including district court proceedings).

DATED this /8 day of September, 2006.

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Kevin B. Hansen, WSBA #28349

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ORDER

Pursuant to the above stipulation,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the State of Washington pay attorneys' fees and costs to the appellees in the following amounts:

Republican Party: \$54,457.65 (attorneys' fees); \$639.60 (costs)

Democratic Party: \$37, 460.77 (attorneys' fees); \$213.20 (costs)

Libertarian Party: \$14,977.80 (attorney's fees); \$1,323.32 (costs)

DATED this day of September, 2006.

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY; CHRISTOPHER VANCE; BERTABELLE HUBKA; STEVE NEIGHBORS; BRENT BOGER; MARCY COLLINS; MICHAEL YOUNG; DIANE TEBELIUS; MIKE GASTON,

Plaintiffs - Appellees,

and

WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE; PAUL BERENDT; LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON STATE; RUTH BENNETT; J. S. MILLS,

Plaintiffs - Intervenors - Appellees,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON; ROB MCKENNA, Attorney General; SAM REED, Secretary of State; WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE,

Defendants - Intervenors - Appellants.

Nos. 05-35774, 05-35780

D.C. No. CV-05-00927-TSZ Western District of Washington, Seattle

ORDER





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Before: Peter L. Shaw, Appellate Commissioner

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The parties have informed the court that they have reached a settlement concerning an award of attorneys' fees in these appeal. Pursuant to the terms of the stipulation, filed September 19, 2006, appellant State of Washington shall pay attorneys' fees of \$54,457.65 and \$639.60 in costs to appellee Washington State Republican Party; attorneys' fees of \$37,460.77 and \$213.20 in costs to appellee Washington State Democratic Central Committee; and attorneys' fees of \$14,977.80 and \$1,323.32 in costs to appellee Libertarian Party of Washington State. See 9th Cir. R. 39-1.6; 9th Cir. Gen. Order 6.3(a) & App. A, ¶ 50.

A copy of this order sent to the district court shall serve to amend this court's mandate.

EXHIBIT E



Rob McKenna

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

1125 Washington Street SE • PO Box 40100 • Olympia WA 98504-0100

October 4, 2006.

John J. White Livengood Fitzgerald & Alskog 121 Third Avenue Kirkland, WA 98083

RE:

Washington State Republican Party v. Logan Ninth Circuit Cause Nos. 05-35774 and 05-35780 United States District Court No. CV-05-00927-TSZ

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed is your check for attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$55,097.25 awarded pursuant to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' Order filed October 3, 2006 in the above matter.

Please note that by depositing or negotiating the warrant, you are acknowledging that this judgment has been satisfied in full.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the below number.

Sincerely,

JAMES K. PHARRIS

Assistant Attorney General

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October 4, 2006

David T. McDonald Preston Gates Ellis LLP 925 4th Avenue, Ste 2900 Seattle, WA 98104-1158

RE: Washington State Republican Party v. Logan
Ninth Circuit Cause Nos. 05-35774 and 05-35780
United States District Court No. CV-05-00927-TSZ

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Enclosed is your check for attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$37,673.97 awarded pursuant to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' Order filed October 3, 2006 in the above matter.

Please note that by depositing or negotiating the warrant, you are acknowledging that this judgment has been satisfied in full.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the below number.

Sincerely,

JAMES K. PHARRIS

Assistant Attorney General

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Rob McKenna ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

1125 Washington Street SE • PO Box 40100 • Olympia WA 98504-0100

October 4, 2006

Richard Shepard Attorney at Law 818 South Yakima Street, #200 Tacoma, WA 98405

RE: Washington State Republican Party v. Logan

Ninth Circuit Cause Nos. 05-35774 and 05-35780 United States District Court No. CV-05-00927-TSZ

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Enclosed is your check for attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$16,301.12 awarded pursuant to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' Order filed October 3, 2006 in the above matter.

Please note that by depositing or negotiating the warrant, you are acknowledging that this judgment has been satisfied in full.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the below number.

Sincerely,

LAMES K. PHARRIS

Assistant Attorney General

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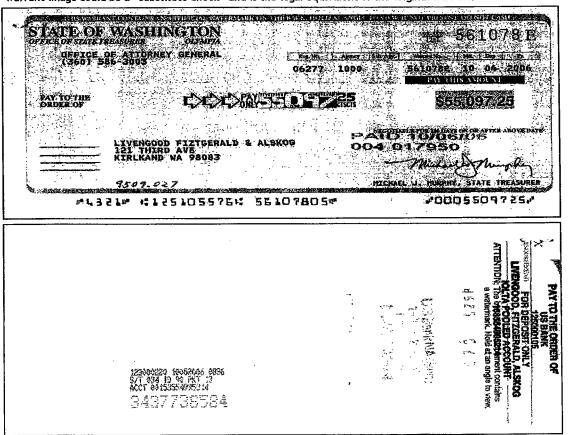
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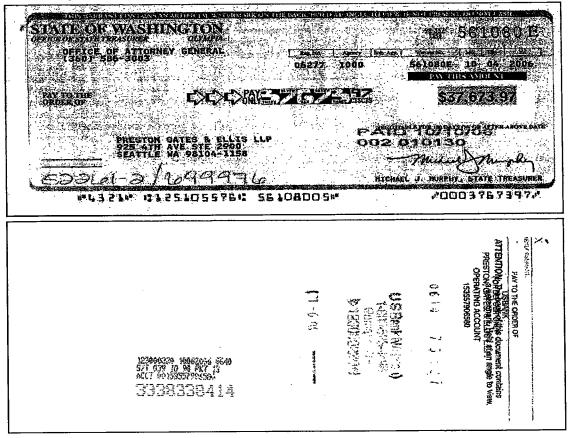


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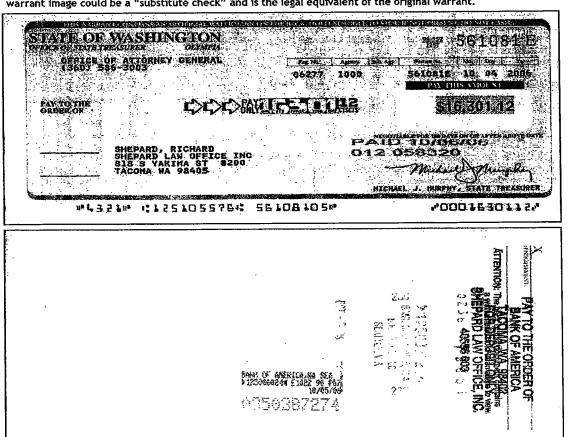


EXHIBIT G



Rob McKenna ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

1125 Washington Street SE • PO Box 40100 • Olympia WA 98504-0100

April 1, 2008

Via email and U.S. Mail

John J. White Livengood Fitzgerald & Alskog 121 Third Avenue Kirkland, WA 98083

David T. McDonald Preston Gates Ellis LLP 925 4th Avenue, Suite 2900 Seattle, WA 98104-1158

Richard Shepard Attorney at Law 818 South Yakima Street, #200 Tacoma, WA 98405

Re: Washington State Republican Party v. State of Washington, Ninth Circuit Nos. 05-35774, 05-35780

Dear Counsel:

Before the referenced case was heard in the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit entered an award of attorney fees in favor of each of your respective clients for your work on appeal in the Ninth Circuit, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988. As I am sure you will recall, pursuant to the court's order entered at that time, the State of Washington paid fees and costs to each of your clients.

As you know, the United States Supreme Court has now reversed the Ninth Circuit decision upon which those fee awards were based. Since your clients are no longer prevailing parties, it is now appropriate for them to refund to the State the fees and costs previously paid. It seems appropriate to file a stipulated motion to this effect, providing that each of your respective clients will refund the fees and costs within 30 days of the issuance of the Supreme Court mandate.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

April 1, 2008 Page 2

With your concurrence, we will prepare the appropriate stipulation for filing with the Ninth Circuit.

I would appreciate your prompt responses.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY T. EVEN

Deputy Solicitor General

360-586-0728

cc: Tom Ahearne

EXHIBIT H

NO.05-35774; 05-35780

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY, et al.,

Appellee/Plaintiffs,

WASHINGTON DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, et al.,

Appellee/Plaintiff Intervenors,

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON STATE, et al.,

Appellee/Plaintiff Intervenors,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

Appellant/Defendant Intervenor,

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE,

Appellant/Defendant Intervenor.

MOTION TO VACATE AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS, FOR JUDGMENT AWARDING RESTITUTION OF FEES AND COSTS, AND FOR COSTS

I. PARTIES REQUESTING RELIEF

The State of Washington, Rob McKenna, Attorney General of the State of Washington, and Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington,

("Washington") Appellants/Defendant-Intervenors in the captioned action, hereby bring this Motion to Vacate Award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs and For Judgment Awarding Restitution of Fees and Costs.

II. STATEMENT OF RELIEF SOUGHT

The United States Supreme Court has reversed the decision of this Court, upon which this Court's award of attorneys' fees and costs against Washington was based. Because the Appellees, Washington State Republican Party, et. al ("Republican Party"), Washington Democratic Central Committee, et. al ("Democratic Party"), and Libertarian Party of Washington State, et. al ("Libertarian Party"), are not prevailing parties, Washington now requests that this Court vacate its previous order granting costs and attorney fees in their favor and ordering that they reimburse the full amount of fees and costs they were originally ordered and paid. Specifically, Washington seeks an order requiring that each of the Appellees provide restitution to the State of Washington the following amounts:

Republican Party: \$54,457.65 (attorneys' fees); \$639.60 (costs);

Democratic Party: \$37,460.77 (attorneys' fees); \$213.20 (costs); and

Libertarian Party: \$14,977.80 (attorneys' fees); \$1,323.32 (costs).

Finally, as the prevailing party, Washington is entitled to recover its costs pursuant to FRAP 39(a)(3). A cost bill in the amount of \$306.78 accordingly accompanies this Motion.

The undersigned counsel anticipate that each of the Appellees will oppose this motion.

III. BACKGROUND

This case was originally presented to this Court on appeal from a decision of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, invalidating an initiative approved by Washington's voters related to the manner of conducting primary elections. The Plaintiffs, and Plaintiff-Intervenors, below were three political parties and their respective officers: The Republican Party, Democratic Party, and Libertarian Party. This Court issued a published opinion concluding that the state law at issue, Initiative 872, was unconstitutional. *Washington State Republican Party v. Washington*, 460 F.3d 1108 (2006).

On the same day that it issued its opinion on the merits, this Court also issued a separate Order concluding that Washington was liable for attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988. Order at 3 (Aug. 22, 2006). A copy of that Order is attached as Exhibit A for convenience of reference. The Court noted that in their briefs on the merits of the appeal, the three political parties had all moved for an

award of attorneys' fees. Noting that 42 U.S.C. § 1988 provides for the award of attorneys' fees to prevailing parties in actions brought under § 1983, this Court awarded attorneys fees against Washington, in favor of each of the political parties as prevailing parties. Order at 2-3.

The State's liability for attorneys fees having been litigated, only the determination of the amount remained. Washington accordingly negotiated the amount of attorneys' fees and costs—but not the liability for them—with the Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians, resulting in a stipulation dated September 18, 2006. Stipulation and Order Regarding Attorneys' Fees and Costs on Appeal (copy attached as Ex. B). By that stipulation, the parties agreed only to the amount of costs and fees, and expressly did not waive claims based upon further proceedings. *Id.* Based upon that stipulation, this Court entered an order awarding fees and costs in the amount set forth in the stipulation. Order (October 6, 2006) (attached as Ex. C). The State promptly paid those awards. Decl. of Jeffrey T. Even, Ex. A, B.

Washington petitioned the United States Supreme Court for review of this Court's decision, which the Court granted. *Washington v. Washington State Republican Party*, ___ U.S. ___, 167 L. Ed. 2d 158, 127 S. Ct. 1373 (2007) (memorandum order granting petition for certiorari). The Supreme Court

ultimately reversed the decision of this Court, and held that Initiative 872 survives the constitutional challenge raised by the political parties. *Washington State Grange v. Washington Republican Party*, ___ U.S. ___, __ L. Ed. 2d ___, 128 S. Ct. 1184, 1187 (2008) (decision on the merits in favor of Washington and copetitioner, the Washington State Grange). Counsel for Washington proposed to counsel for the political parties that all parties stipulate for them to provide restitution for attorneys fees and costs paid pursuant to the decision that has been reversed, but counsel have not agreed to do so. Even Decl., Ex. C.

IV. ARGUMENT

Awards of attorneys' fees in § 1983 actions are predicated upon the party to whom fees are awarded qualifying as a "prevailing party." 42 U.S.C. § 1988. Similarly, costs are awarded on appeal only to a party who ultimately prevails. FRAP 39. This Court initially awarded attorneys' fees and costs to the Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian Parties against Washington, but those parties have not prevailed. The United States Supreme Court has reversed this Court's decision, thus depriving the political parties of their status as prevailing parties.

This Court has previously held that since a § 1988 fee award "is based on the merits judgment, reversal of the merits removes the underpinnings of the fee award." *Cal. Med. Ass'n v. Shalala*, 207 F.3d 575, 577-78 (9th Cir. 2000). Indeed,

this Court has termed it an "abuse of discretion" when a court refuses to vacate an award of attorneys fees when the decision on the merits upon which it is based is reversed. Id. at 577. An award "must obviously be vacated in light of" an appellate decision reversing on the merits of the case. Id. at 577 (quoting Mother Goose Nursery Schools, Inc. v. Sendak, 770 F.2d 668, 675 (7th Cir. 1985)). As one commentator has described the matter, "some means must be found to avoid the unseemly spectacle of enforcing a fee award based on a judgment that has been reversed". 15B Charles Alan Wright, Arthur P. Miller & Edward H. Cooper, FEDERAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE, § 3915.6, at 344 (2d ed. 1992) (quoted in Cal. Med. Ass'n, 207 F.3d at 577). As one court has noted, this is simply consistent with the black letter proposition that a party is entitled to restitution of money paid under the terms of a judgment or decree when that judgment or decree is reversed on appeal. McGill v. Faulkner, 144 F.R.D. 82, 84 (N.D. Ind. 1992) (citing 5b C.J.S. Appeal and Error § 1980 (now 5 C.J.S. § 1157 (updated Feb. 2008))).

V. CONCLUSION

For these reasons, this Court should vacate its order awarding costs and attorney fees to the Republican, Democratic and Libertarian Parties against the State of Washington, and further order those political parties to provide restitution

to the State of Washington in the amount of the fees previously awarded and paid. Finally, this Court should approve the Cost Bill that accompanies this motion.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23rd day of April, 2008.

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EXHIBIT I

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY; CHRISTOPHER VANCE; BERTABELLE HUBKA; STEVE NEIGHBORS; BRENT BOGER; MARCY COLLINS; MICHAEL YOUNG, Plaintiffs-Appellees,

and

WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE; PAUL BERENDT; LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON STATE; RUTH BENNETT; J.S. MILLS, Plaintiffs-Intervenors-Appellees,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON; ROB McKenna, Attorney General; Sam REED, Secretary of State; WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE, Defendants-Intervenors-Appellants.

Nos. 05-35774 05-35780 D.C. No. CV-05-00927-TSZ

ORDER

On Remand from the United States Supreme Court

Filed October 2, 2008

Before: Dorothy W. Nelson, Pamela Ann Rymer and Raymond C. Fisher, Circuit Judges.

ORDER

This case was remanded to us from the United States Supreme Court. See Wash. State Grange v. Wash. State Republican Party, 128 S. Ct. 1184 (2008). In light of the Supreme Court's decision, we VACATE our opinion in Washington State Republican Party v. Washington, 460 F.3d 1108 (9th Cir. 2006), VACATE our August 22, 2006 and October 3, 2006 orders granting attorney's fees and costs and REMAND to the district court with the following instructions.

The district court should DISMISS all facial associational rights claims challenging Initiative 872. See Wash. State Grange, 128 S. Ct. at 1187.

The district court should DISMISS all equal protection claims. The allegedly discriminatory statutes were repealed by Initiative 872. See Wash. State Grange, 128 S. Ct. at 1192-93.

The district court should DISMISS as waived all claims that Initiative 872 imposes illegal qualifications for federal office, sets illegal timing of federal elections or imposes discriminatory campaign finance rules because these claims were neither pled by the parties nor addressed in summary judgment by the district court.

The district court may allow the parties to further develop the record with respect to the claims that Initiative 872 unconstitutionally constrains access to the ballot and appropriates the political parties' trademarks, to the extent these claims have not been waived or disposed of by the Supreme Court.

The district court may make appropriate findings concerning the parties' settlement of fees and should determine whether restitution or further fee awards are appropriate in response to appellee Washington State's motion to vacate award of attorney's fees and costs, for judgment awarding restitution of fees and costs and for costs.

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Remanded for proceedings according to the above instructions.

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