

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00375-RC**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v.  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/20/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**TERMINATED: 11/26/2019**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/20/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5338164) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Guzman, Javier) (Entered: 02/20/2018)

02/20/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Guzman, Javier) (Entered: 02/20/2018)
02/20/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (jd) (Entered: 02/20/2018)
02/20/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(jd) (Entered: 02/20/2018)
02/26/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 2/22/2018, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 02/23/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/23/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/25/2018.) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Guzman, Javier) (Entered: 02/26/2018)
03/26/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua M. Kolsky on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 03/26/2018)
03/26/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Kolsky, Joshua) Modified to add link on 3/27/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 03/26/2018)
03/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before April 11, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/28/2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/28/2018)
04/11/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>7</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on April 27, 2018 describing the status of Defendant's searches. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/12/2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/12/2018)
04/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/27/2018 (tj) (Entered: 04/13/2018)
04/26/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
05/15/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/16/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>9</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on June 25, 2018, and every 60 days thereafter until the government's production is complete. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall submit a proposed briefing schedule within 30 days after the government's final production. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on May 16, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 05/16/2018)
05/22/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/25/2018. (tj) (Entered: 05/22/2018)
06/25/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
08/24/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
12/17/2018	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Paul Cirino on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Substituting for attorney Joshua M. Kolsky (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
12/24/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Grogg, Adam) (Entered: 12/24/2018)

02/22/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/22/2019)
03/21/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 03/21/2019)
03/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on April 4, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on March 21, 2019. (lcrc3). Modified on 3/21/2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/21/2019)
03/22/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/4/2019 (tj) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
04/04/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
04/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on April 18, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on April 4, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
04/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/18/2019 (tj) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
04/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on May 17, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on April 18, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
04/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/17/2019. (tj) (Entered: 04/24/2019)
05/17/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>19</u> Joint Status Report and Proposed Schedule: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further Joint Status Report on or before July 1, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on May 17, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/1/2019 (tj) (Entered: 05/21/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before July 15, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 1, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/15/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
07/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>21</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report every 60 days informing the court of the status of this case. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 15, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
08/08/2019	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin M. Seel on behalf of DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Seel, Benjamin) (Entered: 08/08/2019)
09/13/2019	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 09/13/2019)
11/15/2019	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>25</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. Attorney Javier M. Guzman terminated. (Guzman, Javier) (Entered: 11/26/2019)

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01/14/2020	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/14/2020)
03/16/2020	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 03/16/2020)
04/17/2020	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/17/2020)
04/17/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>28</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before June 16, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/17/2020. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/17/2020)
04/17/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/16/2020 (tj) (Entered: 04/17/2020)