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Peter S. Wattson, Joseph Mansky, Nancy B.
Greenwood, Mary E. Kupper, Douglas W.
Backstrom and James E. Hougas III,
individually and on behalf of all citizens and
voting residents of Minnesota similarly
situated, and League of Women Voters
Minnesota,

Plaintiffs,

and

Paul Anderson, Ida Lano, Chuck Brusven,
Karen Lane, Joel Hineman, Carol Wegner,
and Daniel Schonhardt,

Plaintiff-Intervenors

**Declaration of Rebeca Sedarski
in Support of the Corrie Plaintiffs'
Proposed Redistricting Plan**

vs.

Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota;
and Kendra Olson, Carver County Elections
and Licensing Manager, individually and on
behalf of all Minnesota county chief election
officers,

Defendants,

and

Frank Sachs, Dagny Heimisdottir, Michael
Arulfo, Tanwi Prigge, Jennifer Guertin,
Garrison O'Keith McMurtrey, Mara Lee
Glubka, Jeffrey Strand, Danielle Main, and
Wayne Grimmer,

Plaintiffs,

and

Dr. Bruce Corrie, Shelly Diaz, Alberder
Gillespie, Xiongpaoo Lee, Abdirazak
Mahboub, Aida Simon, Beatriz Winters,
Common Cause, OneMinnesota.org, and
Voices for Racial Justice,

Plaintiff-Intervenors,

vs.

Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota,

Defendant.

I, Rebeca Sedarski declare as follows:

1. I am Rebeca Sedarski, and I've lived in Rochester, Minnesota for thirty years. I have personal knowledge of where the largest communities of color in this area live.
2. Rochester has grown by about 18,599 residents since the 2010 census. There are about 111,396 Minnesotans living in Rochester, and I am one of just over 5,500 Latino residents of Rochester. We also have a vibrant Black community in Rochester—almost 9,430 residents, representing about 8.2% of our community. Another vibrant immigrant group in our community is the Asian American and Pacific Islanders, of which there are approximately 8,410 residents, representing 7.3% of our community. Collectively, communities of color have driven recent growth in the local population and economy.
3. I support the Corrie Plaintiffs' proposed boundaries for House District 28A because it keeps Latino and East African communities that have been living, working, and growing the local economy for the past several decades together.
4. I also support the Corrie Plaintiffs' proposed boundaries for House District 28B, which reflects input from community members from Latino/Hispanic and East African communities to make a House seat that places Latino/Hispanic and East African residents in a single district. Proposed House District 28A has a population of 37 percent Minnesotans of color and Indigenous Minnesotans (17 percent Black/African American, 10 percent Latino/Hispanic). By 2028, the proposed district is projected to surpass 40 percent Minnesotans of color and Indigenous Minnesotans. Many of the cultural resources utilized by our combined communities (workplaces, stores, parks, and schools)

are included in the neighboring proposed House District 28A, which also includes much of Rochester City.

5. Proposed Senate District 28 unifies major portions of Rochester, rather than splitting the city's Latino/Hispanic and East African communities. Together, we ask that Rochester's State Senate seat configuration keep us in a single Senate seat and not dilute us by splitting the city.
6. The proposed Senate District 28 has other diversifying areas representing 21 percent of Minnesotans of color and Indigenous Minnesotans. The eastern precincts that connect House District 28A with the border of Olmsted County allows the proposed Senate District 28 to meet non-embed standards.
7. Our communities share similar interests in affordable housing and healthcare access, as well as inequities in access to daycare, and education. We face same barriers presented by poverty, language, and lack of access to resources.
8. It is important to keep these communities with similar interests and values together in voting districts, so that our Latino and African Rochester residents can have a louder voice in our state's politics. For our communities to receive the services we need, we must have a representative who can speak for our common needs at all levels of government.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Minnesota that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: December 6, 2021

Rebeca Sedarski

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Final Rebeca Sedarski Rochester Declarataion


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