

District Judge Marsha J. Pechman

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ROSHANAK ROSHANDEL; VAFA
GHAZI-MOGHADDDAM; HAWO
AHMED; and LIN HUANG, individually and
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary, United
States Department of Homeland Security;
EMILIO GONZALEZ, Director, United
States Citizenship and Immigration Services;
ANN CORSANO, Director, District 20,
United States Citizenship and Immigration
Services; JULIA HARRISON, Director,
Seattle Field Office, United States Citizenship
and Immigration Services; MICHAEL B.
MUKASEY, Attorney General, United States
Department of Justice; ROBERT S.
MUELLER, III, Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation; and the UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA,

Defendants.

Case No. C07-1739-MJP

SECOND DECLARATION OF
SUSAN WALK

1 I, Susan Walk, declare as follows:

2 1. I am employed by the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") as a Senior
3 Adjudications Officer at the Seattle Field Office of the United States Citizenship and
4 Immigration Services ("USCIS"), formerly known as the Immigration and Naturalization Service
5 ("INS"). I have been employed by the Department of Homeland Security (formerly Department
6 of Justice) since May of 1991. During that time I have worked as an Applications Clerk,
7 Congressional Liaison, Special Assistant to the District Director, Adjudications Officer, and
8 Senior Adjudications Officer.

9 2. I make this declaration based upon my personal knowledge and information made
10 available to me in the course of my professional duties and responsibilities.

11 3. I make this declaration in order to notify the Court of a recently released plan by
12 USCIS to eliminate the backlog of FBI name checks, pursuant to the Congressional
13 appropriation of \$20 million dollars in December 2007. On April 2, 2008, USCIS issued a press
14 release publicly announcing and explaining the plan. A true and correct copy of the press
15 release, which is available on the USCIS web site, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

16 4. As of today, USCIS systems indicate that 309 putative class members have been
17 awaiting adjudication of their applications for naturalization for more than 120 days after an
18 interview due to pending FBI name checks. Of the 309 individuals, 77 filed their applications
19 more than three years ago, 143 filed their applications between two and three years ago, and 89
20 filed their applications less than two years ago. This number reflects a reduction of over 40
21 percent of the total number of putative class members pending adjudication in December 2007.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is correct to the best of my
23 knowledge and belief.

24 Executed this 10 day of April, 2008.

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27 Susan Walk
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following CM/ECF participants:

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I further certify that I have mailed by USPS, postage pre-paid, the foregoing document to the following non-CM/ECF participant, addressed as follows:

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DATED this 10th day of April, 2008.

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