

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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<b>STATE OF TEXAS,</b>		)
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<b>Plaintiff,</b>		)
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<b>v.</b>		)
	<b>Civil Action No. 11-1303 (RMC-TBG-</b>	)
	<b>BAH)</b>	)
		)
<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and</b>		)
<b>ERIC H. HOLDER, in his official</b>		)
<b>capacity as Attorney General of the</b>		)
<b>United States</b>		)
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<b>Defendants.</b>		)
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**ORDER**

Before the Court are Motions to Intervene as Defendants filed by the Mexican American Legislative Caucus of the Texas House of Representatives [Dkt. # 13]; Greg Gonzales, Lisa Aguilar, Daniel Lucio, Victor Garza, Blanca Garcia, Josephine Martinez, Katrina Torres, and Nina Jo Baker, a group of Hispanic and African-American voters residing in Texas [Dkt. #14]; the Texas Legislative Black Caucus [Dkt. # 16]; the Texas Latino Redistricting Task Force [Dkt. # 17]; and the Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches, Juanita Wallace, Rev. Bill Lawson, Howard Jefferson, Ericka Cain, Nelson Linder, and Reginald Lillie [Dkt. # 28], (collectively “Movants”). Movants seek to intervene either as of right, *see* FED. R. CIV. P. 24(a)(2), or permissively, *see* FED. R. CIV. P. 24(b)(1). The Plaintiff opposes intervention on either grounds. The Defendants oppose intervention as of right, but do not oppose permissive intervention by the Movants. Upon consideration of the motions, the parties’ memoranda, and the entire record herein, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Motions to Intervene as Defendants pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(b)(1) [Dkt. ## 13, 14, 16, 17, 28] are **GRANTED**; it is further

**ORDERED** that all defendant-intervenors shall file Answers to the Complaint no later than September 15, 2011.

**SO ORDERED.**

Date: September 8, 2011

/s/  
THOMAS B. GRIFFITH  
United States Circuit Judge

/s/  
ROSEMARY M. COLLYER  
United States District Judge

/s/  
BERYL A. HOWELL  
United States District Judge