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16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
17 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

18 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 SHIRLEY WEBER, in her official ca-
22 pacity as Secretary of State of the State
23 of California, and the State of Califor-
24 nia,

25 Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-09149-DOC-ADS

NOTICE OF DECISION BY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT
COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF
CONNECTICUT

Honorable David O. Carter
United States District Judge

NOTICE

Plaintiff, United States of America, respectfully submits this Notice of an order issued in *United States of America v. Stephanie Thomas*, No. 3:26-cv-00021 (D. Conn., filed Jan. 06, 2026). That case raises claims identical to those in the present litigation, but against the Secretary of State for the State of Connecticut. There, the Court (Dooley, J.) has agreed with the United States that, once the Attorney General has alleged that she has properly demanded production of records and papers under the Civil Rights Act of 1960, and the custodian has refused to comply with that demand, the proper course is for the district court to order the defendant to show cause why the custodian should not be ordered to produce the requested records and papers. *See* [52 U.S.C. § 20703](#). As the United States has explained, “[t]here is no place for any other procedural device or maneuver.” *Kennedy v. Lynd*, [306 F.2d 222, 226](#) (5th Cir. 1962).

Accordingly, on January 8, 2026, the *Thomas* court issued an Order to Show Cause why the State of Connecticut “should not be ordered to provide the SVRL to the Attorney General, as well as the other documents demanded by the Attorney General to ascertain Defendant’s compliance with federal law, to wit, the NVRA and HAVA.” *United States v. Thomas, supra*, [ECF 10](#) (D. Conn. Jan. 8, 2026).

A copy of the order is attached to this Notice as Exhibit A.

DATED: January 12, 2026

Respectfully submitted:

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
<i>Plaintiff,</i>)	3:26-CV-21 (KAD)
)	
v.)	
)	
STEPHANIE THOMAS, <i>in her Official</i>)	
<i>Capacity as Secretary of State for the State</i>)	
<i>of Connecticut,</i>)	JANUARY 8, 2026
<i>Defendant.</i>)	

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Kari A. Dooley, United States District Judge:

WHEREAS, the United States of America, by and through the Attorney General, filed an Application and Motion to Compel pursuant to Title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1960 seeking an order directing Defendant Stephanie Thomas, in her official capacity as the Secretary of State for the State of Connecticut, to provide the Attorney General with an electronic copy of the Connecticut statewide voter registration list (“SVRL”), with all fields, including each registrant’s full name, date of birth, residential address, and either their state driver’s license number, the last four digits of their Social Security number, or HAVA unique identifier as required by 52 U.S.C. § 21083. *See* Complaint, ECF No. 1 at 7–8;

AND WHEREAS, the Attorney General has alleged that she has complied with the demand provisions of Title III, 52 U.S.C. § 20703, by letter to the Defendant dated December 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Attorney General has alleged that the Defendant, despite having been provided proper demand under Title III, has refused to provide the SVRL;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Defendant shall **SHOW CAUSE**, on or before **January 20, 2026** as to why, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 20701, the Defendant should not be ordered

to provide the SVRL to the Attorney General, as well as the “other documents demanded by the Attorney General to ascertain Defendant’s compliance with federal law,” to wit, the NVRA and HAVA.

Plaintiff is directed to serve a copy of this Order, the Complaint, and the Motion to Compel and all attachments thereto on the Defendant by **January 12, 2026**.

Plaintiff shall serve and file any reply to Defendant’s response to this Order to Show Cause on or before **January 23, 2026**.

A hearing on the instant Order to Show Cause shall be held on **January 29, 2026 at 10:00 AM** in Courtroom Two, 915 Lafayette Blvd., Bridgeport, CT.

SO ORDERED at Bridgeport, Connecticut, this 8th day of January 2026.

/s/ Kari A. Dooley
KARI A. DOOLEY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE