

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND
ETHICS IN WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 22-35-CRC

JOINT STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL

Pursuant to the Court’s July 7, 2026 Minute Order, the parties respectfully submit this Joint Stipulation of Dismissal under Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) On January 6, 2022, Plaintiff Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) filed this action challenging the defendant Federal Election Commission’s (“FEC” or “Commission”) November 9, 2021 dismissal of CREW’s administrative complaint, designated MUR 7465. Pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8), CREW sought a declaration from the Court that the dismissal was “contrary to law” because, in part, the FEC failed to issue a contemporaneous explanation for its dismissal and CREW sought an order directing the Commission conform with that declaration within 30 days.
- (2) On March 17, 2025, the Court awarded CREW the relief it sought in its complaint, declared the November 9, 2021 dismissal of MUR 7465 was contrary to law for its failure “explain [its] actions at the same time that [it] t[ook] them” Mem. Op. 6, ECF No. 44, and directed the FEC to conform within 30 days by, in relevant part, issuing an

“contemporaneous, adequate explanation of its reasons for its actions” in the event of a new dismissal on remand, Order 1, ECF No. 43.

- (3) The Court adjudicated this matter on the merits and issued an order that granted summary judgment in CREW’s favor.
- (4) Notwithstanding this stipulated dismissal of this action, the FEC is bound by and will continue to be bound by this Court’s Order of March 17, 2025.
- (5) Each side will bear its own costs and fees.
- (6) Subject to these conditions, this stipulated dismissal is with prejudice and constitutes a final decision of the district court.

Respectfully submitted,

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