

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

Germin Sims and Robert Lindsey, )  
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  *Plaintiff*      ) 19-cv-02347  
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  *-vs-*              ) (*Chief Judge Pallmeyer*)  
  )  
City of Chicago, et al.,          )  
  )  
  *Defendants*      )

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

The parties, by counsel, submit this joint status report pursuant to the Court's Order of October 7, 2020.

This case is part of the Watts Coordinated Pretrial Proceedings, 19-cv-1717, a group of 73 cases that are coordinated for pretrial proceedings. The proceedings were originally assigned to Judge Wood. The Executive Committee transferred the proceedings to Judge Valderrama on October 14, 2020. Magistrate Judge Finnegan is supervising discovery.

The parties in the consolidated proceedings are actively engaged in discovery. To date, they have exchanged thousands of pages of documents and taken over sixty depositions.

On September 18, 2020, Judge Wood entered a Case Management Order in the Coordinated Proceedings, stating that responsive pleadings and/or motions to dismiss would be due in all pending cases in the

Coordinated Proceedings, including this one, by the October 15, 2020. Judge Wood's order also directed the parties to meet and confer to develop an updated plan regarding responsive pleadings that would avoid successive, duplicative briefing.

In accordance with that order, the parties submitted a proposed agreed plan to Judge Wood concerning the filing and briefing of motions to dismiss and filing of answers to complaints. The proposed agreed plan, which was filed in the Coordinated Proceedings on September 30, 2020, is now pending before Judge Valderrama.

Respectfully submitted,

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