

**ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
FOR REFORM NOW, ET AL.**

v.

CATHY COX, ET AL.

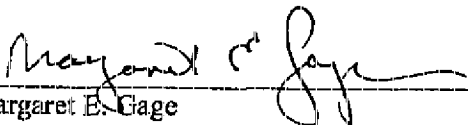
EXHIBIT 7

To Plaintiffs' Brief in Support of
Motion for Preliminary Injunction

7. An important part of the Proteus Fund's analysis of an application for funds to sponsor a voter registration drive is whether the organization has such a procedure in place, as well as procedures that allow it to monitor and report the number of completed applications it has submitted to elections officials and the number of applicants that have successfully been added to the rolls.
8. The Proteus Fund reviews voter registration data and voting records, and analyzes voter registration drive practices to determine if an applicant for funding has a history of successful drives and a procedure and plan in place that will likely lead to success in both adding individuals to the rolls and increasing the number of low and moderate income minority voters. In fact, for the purpose of evaluating grantees and the cost-effectiveness of its voter registration grant-making, the Proteus Fund has expended substantial funds on an evaluation to determine what portion of its grantees' voter registration applicants were added to the voter rolls and what portion of them voted.
9. I understand that Georgia's State Election Board has passed a regulation that requires voter registration applicants to seal their applications before giving them to a third party, including a worker participating in a voter registration drive. I also understand that this regulation prohibits third parties, including organizations conducting voter registration drives, from copying the application.
10. This would, in my judgment, make it impossible for voter registration grantees operating in Georgia to meet the Proteus Fund's criteria to receive voter registration grants.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

This 13 day of July, 2006.



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