

Exhibit C

**In the United States District Court
For the District of Columbia**

NORTHWEST AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY
DISTRICT NUMBER ONE,
401 W. 15th Street
Suite 850
Austin, TX 78701

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION
1:06CV01384

vs.

ALBERTO GONZALES,
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

Defendant,

TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE,
1107 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701,

and

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE,
AUSTIN BRANCH
1704 East 12th Street
Austin, TX 78702,

Applicants to Intervene,

**DECLARATION OF GARY L. BLEDSOE IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICANTS' MOTION TO INTERVENE AS DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Gary L. Bledsoe, declare:

1. I am President of the Texas State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) since 1992. I am over 18 years of age and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

2. As President of the Texas State Conference of the NAACP, my duties include being the spokesperson of the organization and Chairing the formal meetings of the Executive Committee. I have been a member of the Texas State Conference of the NAACP for over 20 years. In addition to the office of President, I have held the following offices in the NAACP: Legal Redress Chair of the Austin Branch of the NAACP 1986, Austin Branch President from 1987-1992 and Texas State Conference President from 1992-2006. I am currently a member of the National Board of Directors and have been since 2003.

3. The Texas State Conference is a subsidiary organization of the NAACP, a national not-for-profit organization founded in 1909 that according to national leadership has over 375,000 members and associates throughout the United States. The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

4. The Texas State Conference was founded in 1936, and is headquartered in Austin. The Texas State Conference currently has many thousands of members in Texas. There are at least 74 local branches of the NAACP in Texas.

