

Fulton County Sued Again for Refusal to Produce Unsealed Ballots Greatest Voting Rights Violation in Georgia History Continues

ATLANTA, GA, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 – VoterGA co-founder Garland Favorito announced today the filing of another <u>complaint</u> against Fulton County to compel them to produce 2020 election ballots they have concealed from the public for nearly 4 years. Favorito is asking a superior court to immediately enforce his Open Records Requests (ORR) for an independent copy of the 2020 election ballots he has not received even though they have been unsealed.

Election officials and attorneys for the Fulton County Court Clerk have repeatedly assured Superior courts, the State Election Board and the county's Board of Registration and Elections that the 2020 ballots are being preserved. And yet, when Favorito <u>submitted</u> an ORR for a standard 600 DPI copy of the ballots made independently of the Dominion voting system he received a <u>reply</u> from the Elections division stating: "There are no responsive documents to your request." A second <u>reply</u> directly to the Clerk of the Court was never answered.

The <u>original complaint</u> against Fulton County, currently known as *Favorito v. Wan*, was filed on December 23, 2020 to secure future elections. Four senior poll managers and two audit monitors signed <u>sworn affidavits</u> that they saw or handled counterfeit ballots in the Fulton County 2020 hand count audit conducted on November 14-15, 2020. Video from the State Farm Arena where absentee ballots were processed also showed duplicate scanning of ballots.

In April 2021, the court <u>ordered</u> scanned 2020 absentee ballot images to be produced. However, a <u>VoterGA study</u> subsequently found in March 2022 that the ballot images were electronically altered prior to certification. The ballots were <u>unsealed</u> in August 2021 but when Fulton County hired criminal defense attorneys to prevent Petitioners from inspecting or copying the ballots, the court suddenly <u>claimed</u> in October 2021 that Petitioners had no standing. The Georgia Supreme Court <u>overturned</u> that ruling on December 20, 2022 and the case reverted to the lower court where the unseal order was automatically reactivated.

Despite the victory that reactivated the case, Petitioners have still not yet seen the ballots. They believe the ballots must be analyzed to identify and resolve problems so that future elections can be secured. Favorito added: "All Americans should be deeply troubled by our four-year fight against secretly counted elections that have disenfranchised all Georgia voters and led to the greatest voting rights violation in Georgia history."

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