

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

SHERRY ELLIS, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
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vs.	)	NO. CIV-16-0019-HE
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DANIEL HOLTZCLAW, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

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TABATHA BARNES, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	NO. CIV-16-0184-HE
	)	
CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

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**MOTION FOR JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

Plaintiffs Jannie Ligons, Shardayreon Hill, Terri Morris, Carla Johnson, and Kala Lyles in CIV-16-184-HE, and Plaintiff Regina Copeland in CIV-16-019-HE (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), pursuant to LCvR16(a), respectfully request that this Court set this matter for a judicial settlement conference. In support, Plaintiffs state:

1. On June 14, 2021, this Court issued a Revised Scheduling Order (Doc. 331).

Paragraph 17 states:

Notwithstanding LCvR16(a), this case will not be automatically set for judicial settlement conference. The court will, however, ordinarily order such a conference if the parties file a joint motion requesting same within 7 days after the trial docket is published. The motion shall provide reasons justifying the commitment of court resources to the settlement process and shall

describe the efforts of the parties to effect an agreed resolution of the case by direct discussions or otherwise. The court may order such a conference upon the motion of a single party filed within that time period, but any such motion must make a particularly strong showing of the need for a judicial conference and shall state why a joint motion has not been made.

2. LCvR16(a) allows for parties to “individually or jointly request that a case be referred for a judicial settlement conference.” Rule 16 further states, “The parties should refer to the rules and/or procedures of the district judge assigned to the case for more information.”

3. Plaintiffs believe a sufficient amount of discovery has been completed to warrant a settlement conference at this time. Particularly since Defendants’ motions for summary judgment are due on or before September 15, 2021, subjecting these cases to a settlement conference at this junction in the litigation is the optimal time to commit the Court’s resources to the settlement process.

4. Settlement offers have been made by the plaintiffs in CIV-16-019-HE. And there have been preliminary settlement discussions between the plaintiffs in CIV-16-184-HE and the City of Oklahoma City.

5. Defendant, City of Oklahoma City, has advised Counsel that it would not agree to a settlement conference, but will participate in a settlement conference if ordered by the Court.

For reasons stated herein, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court set this matter for a judicial settlement conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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*s/ Melvin C. Hall*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 6th day of August, 2021, I filed the above document with the Clerk of Court. Based on the records currently on file in this case, the Clerk of Court will transmit a Notice of Electronic Filing to those registered participants of the Electronic Case Filing System.

*s/ Melvin C. Hall*