

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FREE SPEECH FOR PEOPLE,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 21-cv-00838 (APM)
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U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE)	
COMMISSION,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

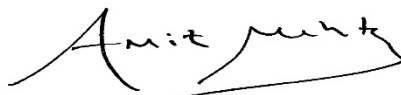
Plaintiff filed this Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) action on March 29, 2021. *See* Compl. for Declaratory & Injunctive Relief, ECF No. 1. Defendant filed an answer on May 3, 2021. *See* Def.’s Answer, ECF No. 12. Cases filed under FOIA are exempt from the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and Local Civil Rule 16.3. *See* LCvR 16.3(b)(10).

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before May 17, 2021. The Joint Status Report should address, among other things, (1) the status of Plaintiff’s FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff’s FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for a stay is likely under *Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force*, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule.

Counsel shall not contact chambers directly concerning scheduling or other matters, as chambers personnel will not handle questions relating to the status or scheduling of pending

matters, except in case of an emergency. In an emergency, chambers can be reached at 202-354-3250.

Dated: May 3, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amit Mehta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Amit P. Mehta
United States District Court Judge