

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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TEA PARTY LEADERSHIP FUND,		)	
<u>et al.</u> ,		)	
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Plaintiffs,		)	
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v.		)	Civil Action No. 12-1707 (RWR)
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION,		)	
		)	
Defendant.		)	
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The plaintiffs have filed a motion for a preliminary injunction. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65, "[b]efore . . . the hearing on a motion for a preliminary injunction, the court may advance the trial on the merits and consolidate it with the hearing." Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(a)(2). This procedural device is designed to conserve judicial resources and avoid duplicative proceedings. NOW v. Operation Rescue, 747 F. Supp. 760, 768 (D.D.C. 1990), modified, 816 F. Supp. 729 (D.D.C. 1993). Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the plaintiffs and the defendant show cause in writing by October 29, 2012 why the plaintiffs' motion [1] for a preliminary injunction should not be consolidated with a hearing on the merits under Rule 65(a)(2). If the parties agree that the hearings should be consolidated, the parties shall respond to this Order by filing by the deadline a joint status report

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reflecting a proposed schedule on which full sequential summary judgment briefing should proceed, supplanting the current schedule to complete briefing on the pending motion for a preliminary injunction.

SIGNED this 22nd day of October, 2012.

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/s/  
RICHARD W. ROBERTS  
United States District Judge