

## **Suit to Keep Polls Open Later Unsuccessful Because It Was Filed Less Than an Hour Before the Polls Closed**

*Bernie 2020 v. Logan*  
(*Consuelo B. Marshall, C.D. Cal. 2:20-cv-2096*)

A suit filed after 7:00 p.m. to keep polls open after 8:00 because of long lines was unsuccessful because it was not assigned to a judge until two days later.

*Subject:* Poll hours. *Topics:* Polling hours; primary election; case assignment; laches.

A presidential campaign filed a federal complaint in the Central District of California against the registrar for Los Angeles County at 7:09 p.m. on March 3, 2020, seeking a court order keeping the polls open past 8:00 for a presidential primary election, alleging “wait times up to four hours to cast a ballot.”<sup>1</sup> With its complaint, the campaign filed an application for a temporary restraining order at 7:12.<sup>2</sup>

On March 5, the court assigned the case to Judge Consuelo B. Marshall.<sup>3</sup> As it was too late to provide the plaintiff with the requested relief, Judge Marshall dismissed the case as moot.<sup>4</sup>

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1. Complaint at 1, *Bernie 2020 v. Logan*, No. 2:20-cv-2096 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 3, 2020), D.E. 1; Minutes, *id.* (Mar. 5, 2020), D.E. 9.

2. Temporary-Restraining-Order Application, *id.* (May 3, 2020), D.E. 2; Minutes, *supra* note 1.

3. Notice, *Bernie 2020*, No. 2:20-cv-2096 (C.D. Cal. May 5, 2020), D.E. 6; Minutes, *supra* note 1.

4. Minutes, *supra* note 1.