

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01499-ACR**

FUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE v. U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT
Assigned to: Judge Ana C. Reyes
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/24/2023
Date Terminated: 04/23/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**FUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT
INITIATIVE**

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V.

Defendant

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/24/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10093318) filed by FUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons HUD Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons AG Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons US Atty Summons, # <u>5</u> Supplement Exhibit List, # <u>6</u> Exhibit Ex. 1, # <u>7</u> Exhibit Ex. 2, # <u>8</u> Exhibit Ex. 3)(Bartkowski, Paul) (Entered: 05/24/2023)
05/25/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Ana C. Reyes. (zsl) (Entered: 05/25/2023)
05/25/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsl) (Entered: 05/25/2023)
07/10/2023	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 07/10/2023)
07/10/2023	<u>4</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 07/10/2023)
07/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER: UPON CONSIDERATION of Defendant's consent motion for an extension of time to respond to the complaint in this action, and for good cause shown and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's consent motion is GRANTED; and it is further ORDERED that Defendant shall have through and including August 21, 2023, to respond to the Complaint in this action. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 7/11/23. (lcas) (Entered: 07/11/2023)

07/11/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Answer to complaint due by 8/21/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 07/11/2023)
07/21/2023	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/20/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/20/2023. (Bartkowski, Paul) (Entered: 07/21/2023)
07/21/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/27/2023. (Bartkowski, Paul) (Entered: 07/21/2023)
07/21/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT served on 6/20/2023 (Bartkowski, Paul) (Entered: 07/21/2023)
08/21/2023	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 08/21/2023)
08/24/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff filed this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") action on May 24, 2023. Dkt 1. Defendant filed its Answer on August 21, 2023. Dkt. 8. 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 September 28, 2023. 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 <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 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) 354-3350. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 8/24/23. (lcas) (Entered: 08/24/2023)
09/10/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 9/28/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/10/2023)
09/28/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 09/28/2023)
12/18/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
02/20/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
04/22/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 04/22/2024)
04/22/2024	<u>13</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 04/22/2024)