

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

DETROIT BRANCH NAACP, MICHIGAN
STATE CONFERENCE NAACP, DONNELL
R. WHITE, THOMAS STALLWORTH III,
RASHIDA TLAIB, MAUREEN TAYLOR,

No. 2:13-cv-12098

Plaintiffs,

HON. GEORGE CARAM STEEH

v

RICK SNYDER, in his official capacity as
Governor of the State of Michigan, ANDREW
DILLON, in his official capacity as Treasurer
of the State of Michigan, and RUTH
JOHNSON, in her official capacity as
Michigan Secretary of State,

Defendants.

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**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF BANKRUPTCY CASE AND
APPLICATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY**

On July 18, 2013, the City of Detroit, Michigan filed a petition for relief
under Chapter 9 of Title 11 of the United States Code. (Document 1, *In re City of*

Detroit, Michigan, Case No. 13-53846, (Bankr. E.D. Mich.)) In accordance with the automatic stay imposed by operation of §§ 362 and 922 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §362 and 922, no cause of action filed prior to, or relating to the period prior to, the Petition Date may be continued or commenced against (i) the City and/or its employees, or (ii) an officer, employee, or inhabitant of the City, in any judicial, administrative or other court or tribunal to enforce a claim against the City without the Bankruptcy Court first issuing an order lifting or modifying the Stay for such specific purpose. Further, no related judgment or order may be entered or enforced against the City without the Bankruptcy Court first issuing an order lifting or modifying the State for such specific purpose.

On July 25, 2013, the provisions of this automatic stay were extended in all respects (to the extent not otherwise applicable) to include certain “State Entities” defined as “the Governor, the State Treasurer and the members of the Loan Board, collectively with the State Treasurer and the Governor, and together with each entity’s staff, agents and representatives.” (Exhibit 1). Governor Snyder and Treasurer Dillon are named Defendants in the captioned matter which was filed prior to the Petition Date and which is subject to this Bankruptcy Court Order extending the automatic stay.

Actions taken while this Stay is in effect and/or in violation of this Stay, including proceedings in this case, are void and without effect.

The Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan has not issued an order lifting or modifying the Stay for the specific purpose of allowing any party in

the captioned case to continue this action against the Governor or Treasurer.

Under these circumstance, the above-captioned proceeding may not be prosecuted, and no valid judgment or order may be entered or enforced against these “certain State Entities.”

These certain “State Entities” will not defend against, or take any other action with respect to, the above-captioned proceeding while the Stay remains in effect.

These certain “State Entities” hereby expressly reserve all rights with respect to the above-captioned proceeding, including, but not limited to, the right to move to vacate any judgment entered in the above-captioned proceeding as void.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 7, 2013

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 7, 2013, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which will send notification of such.

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