IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1 2

FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

CASE NO. 99-1435 (GAG-MEL)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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Plaintiff,

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

The Court hereby **APPOINTS** Lead Monitor, Alfredo Castellanos Bayouth, Esq. to serve as Special Master to the Court in all matters involving the upcoming Town Hall Meetings.

As Special Master, Mr. Castellanos will report directly to the Court and shall have the authority to plan, organize and preside all matters pertaining to the aforementioned Town Hall Meetings. This authority shall include, but will not be limited to: preparing scheduling motions prior to each Town Hall Meeting; approval of selected guest speakers and topics to be discussed to ensure they pertain to the present case; approval of selected venues for the Town Hall Meetings; prepare minutes of each proceeding to submit to the Court, and address and/or recommend any other matter that may arise in regards to the Town Hall Meetings.

The Court's appointment of the Special Master is made pursuant to the Court's authority under Fed. R. Civ. P. 53, and specifically Stauble v. Warrob, 977 F.2d 690, 694 (1st Cir. 1992) (allowing an Article III court's sua sponte appointment of a special master in exceptional circumstances); see also Fajardo Shopping Ctr., S.E. v. Sun All. Ins. Co., 999 F. Supp, 213, 222

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1	(D.P.R. 1998) (same). The Court also importantly notes that it is not in any way abdicating its
2	Article III power, as the present matter is narrowly tailored to assist the Court.
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4	IT IS SO ORDERED.
5	In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 28th day of January 2019.
6	s/ Gustavo A. Gelpí
7	GUSTAVO A. GELPI
8	United States District Judge
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