

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
FORT MYERS DIVISION

MICHAEL WHITFIELD,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 2:22-cv-719-SPC-NPM

GATEWAY SERVICES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT,

Defendant.

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**ORDER**<sup>1</sup>

Before the Court is a review of the docket. A judge must disqualify if her “impartiality might reasonably be questioned.” [28 U.S.C. § 455\(a\)](#). She must also disqualify in certain situations listed in § 455(b). And all doubts are “resolved in favor of recusal.” [Murray v. Scott](#), 253 F.3d 1308, 1310 (11th Cir. 2001). Because the undersigned has personal link to a named party, disqualification may be required. See [28 U.S.C. § 455\(b\)](#). So to avoid any possible appearance of partiality or impropriety, the Court must recuse from

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this action. See *Liljeberg v. Health Servs. Acquisition Corp.*, 486 U.S. 847, 865 (1988).

Accordingly, it is now

**ORDERED:**

1. The Honorable Sheri Polster Chappell is **RECUSED** from this action.
2. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to reassign this case to another United States District Judge in the Fort Myers Division.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida on December 14, 2022.

  
SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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