

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 20-CV-0249

MARGE BOSTELMANN, JULIE M. GLANCEY,
ANN S. JACOBS, DEAN KNUDSON, ROBERT
F. SPINDELL, JR., AND MARK L. THOMSEN,
IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS
WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS,

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO COURT'S PROPOSED NOTICE

Defendants submit this response to the proposed notice the Court included in its order (Dkt. 37.) Defendants propose (1) that the homepage of the MyVote website contain only a short notice that the deadline for online registration has been extended to March 30, with a link to the longer notice; and (2) some alterations to the Court's proposed language for a longer notice. These proposed changes, and the reasons for them, are explained in a memo from Meagan Wolfe, Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, and a document showing how those changes would look on the website.

In short, Defendants propose that the MyVote homepage have only a short notice because it will make it easier for voters to register online. A long

notice on the homepage, particularly on the mobile version, would likely distract voters from their purpose in visiting the site—registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot. In addition, putting the longer notice on the homepage will require additional coding changes to the software, which are not advisable given the other coding changes and testing WEC is doing to implement the Court’s order. Defendants also propose some changes to the proposed notice’s language for readability on the website and to reduce potential voter confusion.

Dated this 23rd day of March 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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