## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

## STEVEN HOTZE, M.D., WENDELL CHAMPION, HON. STEVE TOTH, and SHARON HEMPHILL, Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 4:20-cv-03709

CHRIS HOLLINS, in his official capacity as Harris. County Clerk. Defendant,

and

MJ FOR TEXAS; DSCC; DCCC; MARY CURRIE; CARLTON CURRIE JR.; JEKAYA SIMMONS; DANIEL COLEMAN, JERELYN GOODEN, S. SHAWN STEPHENS GLENDA GREENE, MICHELE ROYER and JAMIE LYN WATSON Proposed Intervenor- Defendants.

# JERELYN MATTHIS GOODEN, S. SHAWN STEPHENS, GLENDA LEE GREENE, MICHELE ROYER AND JAMIE LYN WATSON'S MOTION FOR INTERVENTION AND LEAVE TO FILE OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

### TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT:

Jerelyn Matthis Gooden, S. Shawn Stephens, Glenda Lee Greene,

Michelle Royer and Jamie Lynn Watson, Proposed Intervenor-Defendants

respectfully move to intervene as a right on behalf of Defendant in the above-

titled action pursuant to Rule 24 (a) (2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

and for leave to file a Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction:

#### I. Summary

Proposed Intervenor-Defendants seek to intervene to protect the sanctity of the votes they lawfully cast, and their right to vote in this election to have their counsel provisionally participate in these proceedings so that the Court is fully aware of the implications of the unwarranted relief Plaintiffs and the a wide-range of perspectives as to the applicable law.

#### *II. Facts and Argument*

Jerelyn Matthis Gooden, S. Shawn Stephens, Glenda Lee Greene, Michelle Royer and Jamie Lynn Watson hereby respectfully move to intervene as of right on behalf of Defendant in the above-titled action pursuant to Rule 24(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 24.

Alternatively, these Proposed Intervenor-Defendants seek permissive intervention Under Rule 24 (b) (2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to protect their personal interests and rights protected under the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Texas to vote, and to the sanctity of their lawful votes cast, pursuant to Texas law, at Harris County polling places established in compliance with laws of the State of Texas.

They request permission for their counsel to provisionally participate in oral argument and in the briefing on the issues before the Court to share with the Court their perspectives on this matter.

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These Proposed Intervenor-Defendants include senior citizens, a widowed parent with responsibility for school-aged children, a woman who lost a limb, an arthritis sufferer, a woman with autoimmune deficiencies, and those for whom exposure to Covid-19 would compromise the health of their loved ones, who suffer from arthritis, respiratory ailments, diabetes and other conditions that would make their exposed to the COVID-19 virus life-threatening. Each made a choice to vote safely at a static location provided by the County to protect their lives and those for whom they are responsible.

These Proposed Intervenor-Defendants have significant protectable interests related to the efforts to invalidate their vote and abridge their right to vote. Plaintiffs' success in this legal action will severely and irreparably injure them, effectively, denying them the right to vote in this election. The Harris County Clerk will presumably argue that voting system complied with the law but does not share the precise interests of an individual voter who has cast a ballot and whose Constitutional rights are at stake.

This motion is based upon the Declarations of Jerelyn Matthis Gooden<sup>1</sup> (and her photo)<sup>2</sup>, S. Shawn Stephens<sup>3</sup>, Glenda Lee Greene<sup>4</sup>, Michelle Royer<sup>5</sup> and Jamie Lynn Watson<sup>6</sup>, the memorandum in support of this motion to be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Exhibit 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Exhibit 1-A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Exhibit 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Exhibit 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Exhibit 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Exhibit 5.

filed, the proposed order, all pleadings and papers filed in the this action and

upon such other matters the Court may entertain. See Federal Rule of Civil

Procedure 24 (c).

Dated November 2, 2020 Houston, Texas,

Respectfully submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2020.

# |s| Kenneth R. Barrett

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## Certificate of Service

I certify that the foregoing document has been served on all counsel for all parties of record via the Court's CM/ECF System this 2nd day of November 2020.

## <u>/s/Kenneth R. Barrett</u> KENNETH R. BARRETT

## CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that the undersigned counsel contacted counsel for plaintiff via telecopy, electronic mail and telephone on November 1, 2020 to determine whether plaintiffs were opposed to the motion to intervene. Plaintiff's counsel has not responded.

On November 1, 2020, the undersigned counsel sent a letter by Telecopy to Defendant care of the Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan to determine whether Defendant will oppose this motion. Defendant has not responded. Thus, Proposed Intervenor-Defendants presume that both Plaintiffs and Defendants oppose this motion.

|s| Kenneth R. Barrett

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