UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

HISPANIC FEDERATION, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 4:23-cv-00218-MW-MAF

CORD BYRD, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of Florida, *et al.*,

Defendants.

JOINT REPORT ON PARTIES' MEET-AND-CONFER REGARDING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

As required by this Court's June 9, 2023 Order Setting Conference Schedule and Other Deadlines, Dkt. No. 34, the Parties met and conferred via Teams on Monday, June 12, 2023, concerning those issues raised in the Court's Order. As a result of that conference and subsequent email communication, and in advance of the Court's scheduled June 14, 2023 telephonic scheduling conference, the Parties jointly report as follows:

 The Parties jointly request that this Court consolidate *Florida State Conference of Branches and Youth Units of the NAACP, et al. v. Byrd, et al.*, No. 4:23-cv-215-MW-MAF, *League of Women Voters of Florida, Inc., et al., v. Moody, et al.*, No. 4:23-cv-216-MW-MAF, and *Hispanic Federation, et al. v. Byrd, et al.*, No. 4:23-cv-218-MW/MAF, solely for purposes of the preliminary injunction phase. After the preliminary injunction motions are decided by the Court, the Plaintiffs will confer among themselves first and then the Parties will confer regarding the potential for consolidation of additional aspects of the cases.

- The Parties propose that Defendants' Responses to Plaintiffs' Motions for a Preliminary Injunction be due on June 23, 2023.
- 3. Plaintiffs request the opportunity to submit Replies in support of their Motions for a Preliminary Injunction prior to any hearing set by the Court. Plaintiffs request that the word limit for any reply briefs be extended to 5,000 words. Defendants take no position on Plaintiffs' request to file Replies, or on extending the word limit for Plaintiffs' Replies.
- 4. The Parties propose that the Court set a single hearing on Plaintiffs' Motions for Preliminary Injunction for June 27, 2023. Subject to the Court's availability, the parties are available for a hearing on Plaintiffs' Motions for Preliminary Injunction from Tuesday, June 27 through Thursday, June 29, 2023.
- 5. At present, the Parties do not anticipate the need for live testimony of witnesses at the Preliminary Injunction hearing. Defendants do not object to the admissibility of the filed declarations solely for purposes of the preliminary injunction phase, but reserve their right to object to the

admissibility of testimony within the declarations on other grounds such as inadmissible hearsay within the declarations themselves. Plaintiffs do not object in principle to the admissibility of declarations to be filed by Defendants, but reserve their right to object to or seek other relief with respect to any specific testimony submitted by Defendants.

The Parties are prepared to address these or any other issues raised by the

Court in the June 14, 2023 telephonic scheduling conference.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of June, 2023,

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