# IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION CIVIL ACTION - ELECTION LAW

JON R. MARRIETTA JR., PRO SE,

Republican Candidate for Commissioner and

GENO GALLO, PRO SE

Democrat Candidate for Commissioner and

**GREGORY STENSTROM, PRO SE,** 

Authorized Representative

Plaintiffs,

v.

**FAYETTE COUNTY, PA,** 

and

FAYETTE COUNTY, PA, BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

and

MARK ROWAN (in his official capacity),

**ROBERT J. LESNICK** (in his official capacity), and

JOHN A. KOPAS, II (in his official capacity), and

**SHERYL HEID** (in her official capacity)

JACK PURCELL (in his official capacity)

**Defendants.** 

Case No. 448 MD 2023

PRO SE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

CIVIL ACTION: ELECTION LAW

DISCOVERY REQUESTED

ORAL ARGUMENTS REQUESTED

JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

(Note: Proposed Order attached last page)

**NOTICE TO PLEAD:** To Defendants:

You are hereby notified to file a written response to Plaintiffs within twenty (20) days from date of service hereof or a judgement may be entered against you. /s/ Jon R. Marietta, Jr. Geno Gallo, & Gregory Stenstrom

# MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

1. Plaintiffs seek reconsideration for the subject Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania PER CURIAM Order (Exhibit A), which conflates Plaintiffs' Petition and Rule 1532 Request for Special and Summary Relief (Exhibits B and C), filed under "Pennsylvania Election Code," in which it has exclusive original jurisdiction, with action against public officials of the Commonwealth, on which it bases its ruling, to which no named Honorable Judge has affixed their name.

- 2. Pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S. § 764, "The Commonwealth Court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of:
  - a. (1) Contested nominations and elections of the second class under the act of June3, 1937 (P.L. 1333, No. 320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code."
  - b. (2) All matters arising in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth relating to Statewide office, except nomination and election contests within the jurisdiction of another tribunal."
- 3. Not only does the Honorable Court have exclusive jurisdiction per 42 Pa. C.S. § 764 (1) for contested elections of the second class, but Plaintiffs' controversy before the Court also involves a mandatory FULL recount of the May 16th, 2023, primary election in Fayette County, which encompassed primary elections of candidates standing for the Statewide Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court, which most certainly encompasses 42 Pa. C.S. § 764 (2).
- 4. Plaintiffs' allegations plainly bring to the attention of the Honorable Commonwealth Court, the alleged judicial misconduct of Fayette County Court of Common Pleas President Judge Leskinen, as well as the misconduct and perpetration of fraud upon the Court, the Plaintiffs, and the People of Fayette County and Pennsylvania, by five (5) licensed attorneys, one of which was a federal judge, that comprise the Fayette County Board of Elections and County Solicitors, in defying "Pennsylvania Election Code," and quashing Plaintiffs' 42 U.S. Code § 1983 civil rights, that when fully investigated, may also involve conspiracy and neglect under 42 U.S. Code §§ 1985 and 1986.
- 5. Further, while not cited in Plaintiffs subject petition, under "Pennsylvania Election Code," as immediately germane to securing the requested relief of a litigation hold on the subject election materials, and a mandatory recount, there is a substantial matter, which was reported in the media and known to all Defendants, of Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro, and public officials, potentially meddling with subject election materials during an unscheduled August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, trip via his personal, official aircraft, which departed Philadelphia Northeast Regional Airport, landed at Connellsville Airport at 0930 US EST

(captured on video); a subsequent four and one half (4.5) hour stop for which less than one (1) hour is accounted for; and subsequent loading of multiple large, heavy, backpacks of unknown origin taken from within the County (also captured on video), being loaded on the same aircraft at Latrobe Airport at 1400 US EST, will likely be eventually intertwined with the subject case and Plaintiffs' separate breach of fiduciary duty tort case.

- 6. Connellsville Airport to Latrobe Airport is a 5-to-10-minute flight, and 45-minute drive via ground route, and credible reports from two whistleblowers stated that public officials on that flight were there to secure and spirit away Fayette County election materials.
- 7. No plausible reason can account for why the Governors aircraft departed Connellsville for Latrobe, which was 45 minutes further away by ground from the location of Governor Shapiro's brief, unscheduled speech, aside from the fact that multiple People of Fayette County were observing the aircraft. (See Exhibit D)
- 8. Nor, is there any accounting for the whereabouts of a second black SUV that left Connellsville airport in a different direction than Governor Shapiro's SUV, for 4.5 hours, and later met and rejoined at the Governors' aircraft with multiple large, heavy backpacks that could barely be carried and lifted into the aircraft at Latrobe Airport. (See Exhibit D)
- 9. Plaintiffs have reasonable cause to question why multiple Pennsylvania election officials and Courts have fought voraciously for 157 days (5.2 months), and cited every possible, albeit feeble, procedural excuse to stifle, prevent, and obstruct a hearing on the merits of the case, which involves a mandatory FULL recount of the May 16th, 2023, primary election results in Fayette County, PA.
- 10. In fact, the unconscionable level of obstruction, subterfuge, and histrionics by the Fayette County Board of Elections and Solicitors, potential involvement of the Governor of Pennsylvania and Commonwealth officials, and subject PER CURIAM quashing by the Commonwealth Court of Plaintiffs' petition that is clearly within the Commonwealth Courts' original jurisdiction, reeks of strategic mooting and government corruption, and denial of honest public service.

- 11. Plaintiffs have been defamed and libeled by Defendants in public hearings and the media quotes as "election deniers" and "sore losers" for having the temerity to lawfully request a statutorily required FULL recount, and also previously securing an order from a Fayette County Common Pleas Judge (Wagner) for full recount, who has since been excised from the case by the President Judge, that was defied by the Defendants.
- 12. The Honorable Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania would be remiss in hearing a case involving alleged gross misconduct and malfeasance of public officials that have perpetrated fraud that potentially affected the elections of candidates for the Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, if not solely to clean the stink off the entire matter.
- 13. Plaintiffs cited their absolute right to be heard on the merits of its case, and an explanation via ruling by a named Honorable Judge on why the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania PER CURIAM ordered the case to be remanded back to the lower Common Pleas Court of Fayette County, having been duly notified in what was perhaps too temperate and tactful language, that the subject petition for relief resulted from:
  - a. President Judge Leskinen of the Common Pleas Court of Fayette County falsified and curated court hearing transcripts regarding both the subject election matter, and separate breach of fiduciary duty, in which Plaintiffs have alleged, verified, and sworn, and EIGHT (8) witnesses have also alleged and notarized their sworn affidavits and are all prepared to testify, regarding Judge Leskinen's misconduct.
  - b. President Judge Leskinen excised Fayette County Common Pleas Judge Wagner, who had previously ruled contrary to him ordering the Defendants to preserve and produce the public election records in controversy, from the case.
  - c. President Judge Leskinen administratively recused the two other available Judges (Georges and Cordero) from hearing the matter, who were admittedly conflicted as they are candidates in the election in controversy.
  - d. The Defendants, all licensed attorneys, perpetrated fraud on the Court of Common

Pleas (both Judge Wagner and Judge Leskinen), and testified and swore under oath that there was only "one error" in the election, in which there were forty-one (41) errors found in just a single Republican Commissioner race in a small, six precinct sampling, reluctantly provided by Defendants after 98 days to curate that sampling, which will likely translate into hundreds, if not thousands of "errors" in an election involving Statewide office for the three highest Courts of Pennsylvania.

- 14. The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania took eight (8) days just to assign a docket number to Plaintiff's EMERGENCY petition, and then without requested oral arguments, jury trial, or public hearing, administratively quashed Plaintiff's petition immediately afterwards PER CURIAM (with no named Honorable Judges), essentially shirking its jurisdiction, and stranding Plaintiffs in a no-man's land of material facts supporting grand mal public corruption involving a Statewide election. (See Exhibit E).
- 15. The Pennsylvania Loyalty Act, Rules of Professional Conduct, and Rules of Judicial Conduct ALL address that the mere APPEARANCE of unethical conduct is to be avoided, and cause enough for Plaintiffs to rightfully question the Honorable Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania PER CURIAM order which turns a blind eye to the malfeasance and deprivation of honest public service by a lower Court and public officials of a second class under 42 Pa. C.S. § 764 (1).

#### REMEDY AND PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 16. Plaintiffs request, and pray, that the Honorable Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania will reconsider its PER CURIAM Order if favor of the Plaintiffs.
- 17. Plaintiffs request subsequent public hearing before three (3) Judges of this Honorable Court to hear their Petition and Rule 1532 request for special and summary relief.
- 18. Plaintiffs request that said public hearing be conducted in Pittsburgh, or perhaps in this case, Fayette County, where they expect a substantial number of the People of Fayette County will be keenly interested in attending.

# Respectfully submitted,

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# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA **CIVIL DIVISION**

#### CIVIL ACTION-LAW

# PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

MARIETTA, et al. Plaintiffs,

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, PA,

et. al, **Defendants** 

## **CERTIFICATE (PROOF) OF SERVICE**

Plaintiffs certify that they caused the subject MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION to be properly served on the following:

Defendants, Fayette County, PA, Board of Elections Solicitors Sheryl Heid and Jack Purcell 61 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 (724) 430-1200

/S/ Jon R. Marietta, Jr., Geno Gallo, and Gregory Stenstrom

Dated: 20 October 2023

#### **ORDER**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 upon consideration of the subject MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION and PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. it is hereby ORDERED:

- That an immediate litigation hold on ALL election equipment (voting machines), data storage (both fixed and portable), voter registration poll books (electronic and/or paper), records, ballots, envelopes, return sheets, electronic records, and other election materials for Fayette County, to the broadest possible interpretation of administrative procedures and law, be retained and secured from potential spoliation, is GRANTED.
- 2. That within the next five \_\_\_\_\_ business days, the Defendants shall produce:
  - a. A digital copy of the Cast Vote Record ("CVR") files transmitted or transferred to the tabulator(s) used in the May 16, 2023, Fayette County primary election ("the Election") for all seventy-seven (77) precincts, plus the de facto "seventy-eighth" (78) precinct comprised of Mail in Ballot ("MIB") scanner(s) CVR, be made available to Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - b. Make all ballots used in the Election for all 77 precincts in Fayette County, plus the "78th" MIB precinct, including any spoiled ballots, available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - c. Make all documents used in the adjudication of ballots cast by electors for all 77 precincts, available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - d. Make all Mail in Ballot, Absentee, and Provisional envelopes and attestations from all 77 (plus "78<sup>th</sup>" MIB) precincts in Fayette County available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - e. Deliver all electronic images of ballots and envelopes scanned by any mail sorting, scanners, or imaging equipment use for the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election, available to Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.

- 3. The meeting held amongst the Fayette County Board of Elections on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, without proper Public Notice, and detailed agenda, in violation of amendments related to publishing of Meeting Agendas of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. C.S. §§ 701-716 to certify the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Primary Election should be nullified and voided, is GRANTED.
- 4. That an immediate stay of certification of the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County be made, and remain in place, until a full public investigation is completed to verify election results, with full transparency and accounting to the Plaintiffs and the People, is GRANTED.

BY THE COURT	

# EXHIBIT A

# IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Jon R. Marrietta Jr., Pro Se, Republican:

Candidate for Commissioner,
Geno Gallo, Democrat Candidate
for Commissioner and Gregory
Stenstrom, Authorized Representative,

Petitioners

v. : No. 448 M.D. 2023

Fayette County, PA, Fayette County, PA, Board of Elections, Mark Rowan (in his official capacity), Robert J.
Lesnick (in his official capacity),
John A. Kopas II (in his official capacity), Sheryl Heid (in her official capacity), and Jack Purcell (in his official capacity),

Respondents

# **PER CURIAM**

## ORDER

NOW, October 13, 2023, upon consideration of Jon R. Marrietta Jr., Geno Gallo, and Gregory Stenstrom's (Petitioners) "Petition and Request for Emergency Injunctive Relief" (Petition for Review) and "Request for Rule 1532 Emergency Special and Summary Relief" (Application for Emergency Relief), in which Petitioners challenge various actions and/or inaction of the Fayette County Board of Elections and Fayette County public officials, it is apparent that the matter does not involve the Commonwealth government or any Commonwealth officer so as to bring the matter within the original jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Court. *See* 42 Pa.C.S. § 761. Accordingly, Petitioners' Petition for Review and Application for Emergency Relief are transferred to the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County. *See* 42 Pa.C.S. § 5103(a).

Order Exit 10/13/2023

# **EXHIBIT B**

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#### **PRO SE PETITION**

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### PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- Plaintiffs seek injunctive relief from continued violations of election law 25 P.S. § 3146.8, Act 77 § 1309, Act 65 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 701-716, and 42 U.S. Code § 1983, being committed by Defendants, and repeated denial by Defendants of required full recount of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election for Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 2. The Honorable Court has original jurisdiction in this case and authority to provide requested injunctive, special, and summary relief in cases involving state and local government and regulatory agencies in matters of election law.

- 3. The controversy before the Honorable Court is Defendants preference and proclivity to hold their elections and certification hearings in the same manner as their "public" judicial proceedings without proper notice, in private without observation, without audio recordings of proceedings, and without any troublesome due process accorded to Pro Se Plaintiffs, or transparency to the People.
- 4. Defendants all licensed attorneys have abused and perverted the legal process to quash procedurally what it cannot, or cares not, argue as matters of fact before a trier of fact, and have perpetrated fraud upon the Courts, the Plaintiffs, and the People.

#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 5. Plaintiffs have exhausted all administrative remedies and taken all possible actions to comply with strict latches of Election Law, "ringing the bell" immediately after the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County, for recount without delay, which was thwarted and delayed without lawful cause, up to the present time, by Defendants Fayette County Board of Elections ("BOE") Members, and Fayette County Solicitors.
- Defendants' defied Orders from Fayette County Common Pleas Honorable Judge John F.
   Wagner directing them to produce the election materials required for full recount of the election.
- 7. Judge Wagner has been administratively excised from being able to remedy this situation by Fayette County President Judge Steve Leskinen, who has taken over all election law and civil tort law proceedings related to Plaintiffs, has acted beyond his judicial discretion or jurisdiction, and is unable to take offense to what only Judge Wagner can adjudicate.
- 8. Hence, while there may be personal and subject matter jurisdiction controversy within the Fayette County Common Pleas Court beyond the scope of this Honorable Court to adjudicate, nevertheless, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania still has original jurisdiction to hear the subject petition and request for injunctive relief to resolve the election law controversy at hand.

- 9. Defendants' unlawful actions exhausted \$30,000 in legal fees from Plaintiff (and candidate) Marrietta, in a delaying strategy in which they weaponized unlimited government funds, full time solicitors and administrative staff, and sheriffs available for service, forcing candidate Marietta and his post-election "authorized representative" (a statutory role under PA election law), Plaintiff Stenstrom, with no other options than to proceed Pro Se. Pro Se Plaintiff Geno Gallo, joins this action as Democrat Candidate for Commissioner in Fayette County.
- 10. Pro Se Plaintiffs Marietta and Stenstrom submitted a Motion for Reconsideration under "Civil Law: Election Law" (Exhibit A) on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, which summarized the outrageous, and criminal, actions of the Fayette BOE and Solicitors to perpetrate fraud on the Court, and documents for the Honorable Commonwealth Court that Defendants had full knowledge that the 0.5% residual error rate requiring full recount had been exceeded (1.72% aggregate, with a 9.09% Mail In Ballot error rate) in a recount of six (6) precincts or seventy-seven (77) in Fayette County.
- 11. Defendants did not seek to resolve what could potentially have been a misunderstanding, or otherwise resolve the merits of the controversy presented by Pro Se Plaintiffs Motion for Reconsideration, but rather responded by immediately, surreptitiously, and unlawfully certifying an election they knew should NOT be certified, and then proceeded to procedurally attack Pro Se Plaintiffs under color of law as "election deniers."
- 12. Fayette County President Judge Steve P. Leskinen took charge of Plaintiffs litigative cases from Judge Wagner, that now include both Election Law and Civil Law Breach of Fiduciary Duty Tort trajectories brought by Pro Se Plaintiffs.
- 13. President Judge Leskinen, having assumed Plaintiffs' litigation for hearing and adjudication, has refused to rule on Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration for 36 calendar days, effectively mooting redress by Plaintiffs, within his personal and subject matter jurisdiction, and procedurally subverting Plaintiffs appellate options under Election Law, but otherwise not negating the Honorable Commonwealth Court's original jurisdiction, and hence, Plaintiffs subject petition.

- 14. Fayette County President Judge Leskinen further refused to hear Pro Se Plaintiffs in their Civil Law Breach of Fiduciary Duty Tort complaint to secure a recount of the election, also quashing a separate Rule 1531 hearing on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, by advocating and testifying on behalf of defiantly absent Defendants over the objections of Pro Se Plaintiffs, and then administratively excising Pro Se Plaintiff Stenstrom from the case without Preliminary Objections or Answer from Defendants, and without hearing, thus further abusing his judicial discretion, and exceeding his personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
- 15. Fayette County President Judge Leskinen then caused the transcript of the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Plaintiffs' Rule 1531 hearing before him (Exhibit B) to be curated, falsified, and revised, to grossly misrepresent those proceedings, subsequently refused to release the audio to Plaintiffs to correct those erroneous transcripts (See Exhibit C), and crafted an order to align with the fabricated transcript, further quashing Plaintiffs' appellate options, and violating their rights.
- 16. Attached as Exhibit D are eight (8) sworn, notarized affidavits from People of Fayette County who were in attendance at the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Rule 1531 hearing presided over by President Judge Leskinen, willing to testify that the attached official transcript(s) (included with the Exhibit D) do NOT accurately reflect the true record of the public proceedings in the Court room, with more affidavits being prepared by additional People of Fayette County for later inclusion by Praecipe with this petition and request for injunctive relief.
- 17. Considering Defendants recalcitrance to comply with Election Law, and President Judge Leskinen's dilatory and deleterious actions beyond his jurisdiction, and abuse of discretion, the Honorable Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania has a duty to assume original jurisdiction in this subject matter.

### **PLAINTIFFS**

18. Pro Se Plaintiff, Jon R. Marietta, resides at 348 Bunker Hill Road, New Salem, PA 15468.
Mr. Marietta is a REPUBLICAN candidate running for public office (County Commissioner), and was a Republican candidate in the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County, PA.

- 19. Pro Se Plaintiff, Geno Gallo, resides at 232 North Seventh Street, Connelsville, PA, 15425.
  Mr. Gallo is a **DEMOCRAT** candidate running for public office (County Commissioner),
  and was a Democrat candidate in the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County.
- 20. Pro Se Plaintiff, Gregory Stenstrom, is an "authorized representative," a statutory role under election law, duly appointed by Plaintiff Jon Marietta. Mr. Stenstrom resides at 1541 Farmers Lane, Glen Mills, PA. 19342.

#### **DEFENDANTS**

- 21. Defendant Fayette County corporation is the incorporated, fictitious government entity the People of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, has instituted and impugned with their powers and authority to conduct statutory and administrative tasks on their behalf.
- 22. Defendant Fayette County Board of Elections, is the fictitious government entity responsible for administering elections for Fayette County, Pennsylvania, with those powers and duties as set forth in the Pennsylvania Election Code 25 Pa.C.S.
- 23. The Fayette County Board of Elections, in turn, has appointed various employees and solicitors to act for it pursuant to 25 Pa.C.S. § 2643, and these named parties (Defendants Rowan, Lesnick, Kopas, Purcell and Heid), as such, are included as Defendants in their official capacities, as physical personages of the "BOE."

### **CONTROVERSY**

- 24. The core controversy before the Honorable Court is that Defendants, all government officials, have stated there was only 0.000385% residual error rate, despite a partial recount by Plaintiffs, who having timely requested recount, subsequently tabulated a 9.09% Mail in Ballot residual error rate, a 1.0% error rate for In Person ballots, and an aggregate 1.72% error rate, exceeding the 0.5% residual error rate that required a full recount on the May 2023 primary; and reported as such to Defendants. (see Exhibit A and Exhibit B)
- 25. Defendants, all licensed attorneys, hold the positions:
  - a. That their integrity, by virtue alone, is unimpugnable and must remain

unquestioned;

- b. That they are immune from compliance with Election Law statutes;
- c. Have the authority to refuse to disclose public records and comply with Court orders, or with Pennsylvania Office of Open Records opinions;
- d. That their authority supersedes Plaintiffs assertion of their rights under election law, civil law, common law, and constitutional law;
- e. That they have the authority to ignore Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and not publish detailed public meeting agendas, physically post notices of public meetings, and may certify elections without public observation or comment;
- f. That Plaintiffs' allegation that Defendants have perpetrated fraud upon the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas, Plaintiffs and the People are conjecturally "outrageous," without providing any material facts refuting Plaintiff's allegations;
- g. That Defendants should be implicitly trusted to fully retain all subject election results, records, electronic logs, and results, that could incriminate them of perpetrating the election fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty, the Plaintiffs have alleged.
- h. That Defendants, having already perpetrated fraud on Fayette County Common Pleas Court by stating there was only a single error in the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election, will take all due diligence to secure the subject election records in accordance with federal and state election laws, and under Pa.R.P.C. while litigation in in progress, and ABA ethics.
- 26. Destruction and spoliation of election records is a violation of Federal and State law requiring retention of those records for 22 months (under federal law) and 24 months (under PA Act 77), and retention of evidence under Pa.R.C.P and Pa.R.P.C, until litigation is fully resolved through appellate process. (NOTE: All election machine manufactures, which in Fayette County's case is Dominion, provide full capability to retain forensic images of electronic election records).
- 27. Defendants had a statutory duty to perform a full recount of the May 16th, 2023, and having a duty to know the results of the partial six (6) precinct recount performed by Plaintiffs under Defendant's observation and their participation, falsely swore that the residual error

rate for the May 16th, 2023, election was below the 0.5% permissible error rate.

# STRATEGIC MOOTING AND QUASHING OF PLAINTIFFS RIGHTS

- 28. It is unconscionable that the Defendants, all licensed lawyers, and all officers of the Court, and including President Judge Leskinen, have wasted months of the Plaintiffs, the Courts, and the Peoples time and hard earned money, wrestling with procedural minutia without permitting any airing of the merits of the subject controversies, or even addressing Defendants perpetration of fraud upon Judge Wagner having excised him from the proceedings, and refusing to acknowledge Pro Se Plaintiffs rights of self-representation, admonishing them publicly multiple times that they are not "licensed attorneys," as if the Courts were a mystic venue available only for a special esquire class to resolve litigative controversies.
- 29. Civil litigants have a statutory right to proceed Pro Se under 28 U.S.C. § 1654.
- 30. Pro Se Plaintiffs have a protected interest in a meaningful opportunity to be heard. This interest is analytically distinct from any protected liberty or property interests that may underlie the Plaintiff's cause of action or legal defenses.
- 31. Pro Se Plaintiffs have invoked the interest in a meaningful opportunity to be heard by this Honorable Court to gain access to the courts that has been denied to them by Defendants and the Fayette County Common Pleas Court to resolve a controversy in which they have been aggrieved and is also in the best interest of the public good and public trust.

"The fundamental tenet that the rules of procedure should work to do substantial justice, . . . commands that judges painstakingly strive to ensure that no person's cause or defense is defeated solely by reason of their unfamiliarity with procedural or evidentiary rules. . . . Cases should be decided on the merits, and to that end, justice is served by reasonably accommodating all parties, whether represented by counsel or not. This "reasonable accommodation" is purposed upon protecting the meaningful exercise of a litigant's constitutional right of access to the courts." Blair v. Maynard, 324 S.E.2d 391 (West Virginia 1984).

# REMEDY AND PRAYER FOR RELIEF

32. Plaintiffs request, and pray, that the Honorable Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania will grant the attached proposed Order on behalf of the Plaintiffs.

Respectfully submitted,

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# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

## **CIVIL ACTION-LAW**

#### **BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

MARIETTA, et al. Plaintiffs,

v.
FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, PA, et. al,

Defendants

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## **CERTIFICATE (PROOF) OF SERVICE**

Plaintiffs certify that they caused the subject PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF to be properly served on the following:

Defendants, Fayette County, PA, Board of Elections Solicitors Sheryl Heid and Jack Purcell 61 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 (724) 430-1200

/S/ Jon R. Marietta, Jr., Geno Gallo, and Gregory Stenstrom

Dated: 06 October 2023

#### **ORDER**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 upon consideration of the subject **PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- That an immediate litigation hold on ALL election equipment (voting machines), data storage (both fixed and portable), voter registration poll books (electronic and/or paper), records, ballots, envelopes, return sheets, electronic records, and other election materials for Fayette County, to the broadest possible interpretation of administrative procedures and law, be retained and secured from potential spoliation, is GRANTED.
- 2. That within the next five \_\_\_\_\_ business days, the Defendants shall produce:
  - a. A digital copy of the Cast Vote Record ("CVR") files transmitted or transferred to the tabulator(s) used in the May 16, 2023, Fayette County primary election ("the Election") for all seventy-seven (77) precincts, plus the de facto "seventy-eighth" (78) precinct comprised of Mail in Ballot ("MIB") scanner(s) CVR, be made available to Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - b. Make all ballots used in the Election for all 77 precincts in Fayette County, plus the "78th" MIB precinct, including any spoiled ballots, available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - c. Make all documents used in the adjudication of ballots cast by electors for all 77 precincts, available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - d. Make all Mail in Ballot, Absentee, and Provisional envelopes and attestations from all 77 (plus "78<sup>th</sup>" MIB) precincts in Fayette County available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - e. Deliver all electronic images of ballots and envelopes scanned by any mail sorting, scanners, or imaging equipment use for the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election, available to Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.

- 3. The meeting held amongst the Fayette County Board of Elections on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, without proper Public Notice, and detailed agenda, in violation of amendments related to publishing of Meeting Agendas of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §§ 701-716 to certify the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Primary Election should be nullified and voided, is GRANTED.
- 4. That an immediate stay of certification of the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County be made, and remain in place, until a full public investigation is completed to verify election results, with full transparency and accounting to the Plaintiffs and the People, is GRANTED.

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# EXHIBIT A

# **ORDER**

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	1.	That given the aggregate error / discrepancy percentage and specifically the "residual vote rate
		is 1.72% (and individually 9.09% for Mail-in ballots, and 1.00% for In-person ballots), that the
		Order to Dismiss subject consolidated petitions be reconsidered, and vacated, and new Order
		to Require a full recount of ALL 77 Fayette County precincts is GRANTED.
	2.	That a stay on certification of the May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023, primary election in Fayette County until fu
		election recount is completed, or other mutually agreeable remedy is reached, is GRANTED.
	3.	Petitions No. 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1211 of 2023, G.D. which all use subject cas
		description "IN RE: PETITION TO OPEN BALLOT BOX PURSUANT TO 25 PA.STAT.
		326l(a) AND TO RECANVASS VOTING MACHINES PURSUANT TO 25 PA.STAT
		§3262(a) AND FOR A CORRECT ACCOUNT OF THE MAY 16, 2023, PRIMARY
		ELECTION FOR THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR FAYETTE COUNTY
		COMMISSIONER" be consolidated for the purpose of this unified MOTION FOR
		RECONSIDERATION, and subsequent filings, is GRANTED.
	4.	That consolidated Petitions and MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION be amended to add Pr
		Se Plaintiff Jon Marietta ("candidate") and Pro Se Plaintiff Gregory Stenstrom ("authorize
		representative"), as qualified intervenors, with direct nexus to the original petitioners, an
		standing, to justly, expediently, and administratively resolve the remaining controversies, an
		/ or prospective appellate trajectory of the consolidated Petitions, is GRANTED.
	5.	That Defendants, having already provided due and required notice, immediately provide al
		public records for the election, in accordance with Act 77.
	6.	That sanctions and legal expenses award of \$ to Plaintiff Marietta i
		GRANTED.
		BY THE COURT

# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

### JON R. MARRIETTA JR.,

CANDIDATE FOR FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRO SE

and

#### GREGORY STENSTROM,

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, AS INTERVENORS FOR QUALIFIED ELECTOR PETITIONERS, PRO SE

Plaintiffs,

v.

FAYETTE COUNTY, PA and FAYETTE COUNTY, PA, BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Defendants.

# PRO SE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

IN RE: PETITION TO OPEN BALLOT BOX PURSUANT TO 25 PA.STAT. § 3261(a) AND TO RECANVASS VOTING MACHINES PURSUANT TO 25 PA.STAT. §3262(a) AND FOR A CORRECT ACCOUNT OF THE MAY 16, 2023, PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Consolidated Petitions No. 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1211 of 2023, G.D

CIVIL ACTION: ELECTION CASE

ORAL ARGUMENTS REQUESTED

JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

NOTICE TO PLEAD: To Defendants:

You are hereby notified to file a written response to Plaintiffs within five (5) days from date of service hereof or a judgement may be entered against you. /s/ Jon R. Marietta, Jr. & Gregory Stenstrom

### MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Plaintiffs respectfully request the Honorable Court reconsider its Order to Dismiss subject consolidated petitions, and in support thereof avers as follows:

- 1. There was insufficient evidence to support a finding that the Plaintiffs (cum Petitioners) "failed to produce prima facie evidence," in that:
  - a. Defendants had 98 days to curate and prepare to provide the "Republican Candidates for Commissioner" primary ballots to Plaintiffs (cum Petitioners who only had several hours to tabulate, calculate, and prepare said "prima facie evidence" of forty-one (41) errors of 2,385 ballots provided for inspection by Defendants; (See Exhibit A)
  - b. Defendants' Solicitor, <u>falsely</u> testified there was only one (1) error in the reported total of 2,400 ballots for the six (6) selected precincts, with a corresponding 0.039% error rate, grossly misrepresenting the true error rate to the Honorable Court;

- c. Defendants reported 1,489 Republican, 1,057 Democrat, and 2,546 total ballots in their "official" tally for the six (6) selected precincts;
- d. Defendants only provided 1,487 Republican ballots for recount for six (6) precincts, omitting providing two (2) Provisional ballots;
- e. For the In-person election day voting recount, twenty-two (22) errors / discrepancies were found, out of 2,198 total votes cast for the four Republican candidates for Commissioner Grimm, Lohr, Dunn and Marietta) for an In-person error / discrepancy rate of 1.00% (percent);
- f. For the Mail-in ballot voting recount, seventeen (17) errors / discrepancies were found, out of 187 total votes received by the four Republican candidates for Commissioner Grimm, Lohr, Dunn and Marietta) for a Mail-in Ballot error / discrepancy rate of 9.09% (percent);
- g. The accuracy requirement for optical scan voting systems are required to achieve is a "residual vote rate" of no more than 0.5% for each contest on the ballot;
- h. The aggregate optical scanner error rate for In-Person and Mail-in ballots derived from discrepancies, while only allowing for 2 errors for the Provision Ballots not provided by the Defendants  $(22 + 17 + 2) \Rightarrow 41$ , divided by the total number of votes counted for the "Republican Count Commissioner" primary election  $(2,198 + 187) \Rightarrow 2,385$  possible cast votes, is  $(41/2,385)*100 \Rightarrow 1.72\%$  (percent);
- i. Hence, the recount of the six precincts, for which the Defendants had 98 days to curate and prepare for, having revealed an error rate of 1.72%, exceeds the required 0.5% error rate, thus requiring a full recount for all seventy-seven (77) precincts;
- j. Given the substantial error rate, and Defendants' 98-day curation and preparation time for only six (6) pre-selected precincts, it is reasonable to presume the balance of seventy-one (71) precincts may have a higher error rate;
- k. The May 16th, 2023, Primary certification should therefore be delayed.
- 2. Plaintiffs submit this subject motion, and will file a Memorandum of Law, with citations and exhibits under separate cover, prior to requested Oral Arguments and/or Jury Trial, to respectfully and most expediently give notice to this Honorable Court, and Defendants, and provides the

abbreviated arguments and requested remedies below for immediate consideration of subject motion.

#### **SUMMARY**

- 3. Defendants failed to comply with this Honorable Courts August 9th, 2023, original order, and subsequent amending order of August 23rd, 2023, to provide all election result materials sufficient to satisfy Defendants' burden of production, for the Trier of Fact(s) to fully and properly adjudicate the subject matter(s), a fact that Plaintiffs submit would change the outcome and order, and further clarified in attached Memorandum of Law.
- 4. Subject motion seeks timely administrative remediation of this situation with subject motion, as a matter of justice, where even a timely, and expedited appeal would not serve the public good, or not infringe on the civil and statutory rights of Pro Se Plaintiff, and Candidate, Marietta.
- 5. Defendants had over ninety-eight (98) days since the May 16th, 2023, primary election, to curate, perfect, and meet their burden to produce election result materials for only six (6) precincts of seventy-seven (77), and objected, stalled, delayed, and denied Plaintiff Marietta (cum Petitioners) rights to view these public records as defined by Act 77, Section 1307-1309, refusing to even provide copies, and only reluctantly allowing Plaintiff Marietta to view an incomplete subset of MIB's through a glass window partition as County officials laboriously held each ballot up, one-by-one, taking the majority of working hours on August 21st and 22nd, 2023, and not permitting any photographs, as also allowed by law and most recent PA Office of Open Records (OOR) rulings.
- 6. Having had only several hours to tabulate the noncompliant and incomplete election materials provided by Defendants to Plaintiff Marietta, after 98-days to curate and prepare them, and with those results in the hands of former named Counsel Teufel, but not provided opportunity to be admitted at the August 22nd, 2023, hearing, and only Defendants' Solicitor's unsupported, and false, testimony that there was only "one" (1) error in a recount of six (6) precincts (which Defendant's gleefully announced to the news media), with said solicitor only obliquely admitting multiple "discrepancies," Plaintiffs remit that the Honorable Court correspondingly erred in its Order.
- 7. Further, Defendants' Solicitor openly admitted during hearings held by this Honorable Court that Defendants ran ALL ballots received on elections day through a single optical scanner / voting

- machine without segregating them by precinct, having presumably loaded all seventy-seven (77) precinct Ballot Definition Documents ("BDD"'s) which enable an optical scanner and voting machine software to read, tabulate and properly create a resulting Cast Vote Record ("CVR").
- 8. A CVR is the "official" election record and contains a tabulation of all votes, by precinct, and by candidate, assuming the machine(s) were properly uploaded with BDD's specific to each different election and precinct, with images of each ballot included in the CVR to facilitate rapid reconciliation by public Board of Election ("BOE") officials with precinct Return Sheets.
- 9. Whether unknowingly, or by design, the Defendant's "acquiescence" to permit Plaintiff (cum Petitioners) to visually "inspect" the subject physical ballots in the manner they did (contrary Act 77 1307-1309 and OOR orders that Defendants' Solicitor had a duty to know of) was hardly an equivalent to the Honorable Courts initial order to compel production of these public documents. Had Defendants complied with the original order, substantial time and expense could have been saved by Plaintiff Marietta, the Court, and most certainly have better served the public good. Should the Honorable Court rule favorably for the Plaintiffs, and reinstitute its original order to compel for recount and inspection of the balance of the 71 precincts, and permit photographs, as ordered by PA OOR, and allowed by other Counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, satisfactory resolution of the controversy at hand could be accomplished smartly, efficiently and with the speed to meet pending primary election preparations and deadlines.
- 10. Had this Honorable Court been made aware of the fact that the error / discrepancy rate was 1.72%, with a 9.09% error / discrepancy in Mail-in ballots, which is well in excess of statutory requirement requiring an automatic recount for all precincts for errors / discrepancies of 0.5%, and in full possession of all relevant facts, the Honorable Courts order citing that Plaintiff Marietta (the person of interest of the original Petitioners) "did not provide prima facie evidence" would not have occurred, hence this subject motion.
- 11. The burden of production, and burden of persuasion, required for this Honorable Court to perfect said burdens as admitted "evidence" rests with the public officials and government Defendants, not the Plaintiffs (cum Petitioners), in assuring the public that Defendants, as duly sworn public officials and servants, administer fair and honest elections on behalf of the People.
- 12. The "judicial climate" fomented by partisan parties in the sixty-seven (67) Counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our nation, that it is incumbent upon candidates, certified

poll watchers, authorized representatives and the American people to "prove" election "discrepancies" or election fraud at each end of the spectrum, has subverted our elections, and stifled objective adjudication of statutory and common election law(s).

13. Reconsideration by this Honorable Court, and granting of the attached proposed order, would serve the public good in realigning the requirement for burden of production and proof, and remedy said subversions of election law by (potentially) partisan public officials.

### **STANDING**

- 14. Plaintiff Marrietta is qualified intervenor, the person of interest for which petitioners originally filed subject petitions, and a harmed party, as Republican <u>Candidate</u> for Fayette County Commissioner.
- 15. Further, Plaintiff Marrietta has been the sole named retainer and payer of formerly assigned named attorney and counsel, Gregory Teufel, for subject petitions, with legal fees of approx. \$30,000.00 expended to date.
- 16. Pro Se Plaintiff Marietta has been required to reluctantly discharge former attorney Teufel (on August 26th, 2023), having exhausted his financial resources to continue paying named attorney, with no other petitioner of potential intervenor with standing having come forward to finance a licensed attorney to represent Petitioners or Plaintiffs.
- 17. Pro Se Plaintiff Stenstrom is a qualified intervenor for Plaintiff Marietta's as his statutory "authorized representative," a friend and advisor, and is one of the constitutional People of Pennsylvania, with special expertise in election law, forensics, and fraud, beyond that expected of lay persons iaw Pa.R.C.P.

### **AMENDED PETITION**

- 18. As Pro Se Plaintiff, Mr. Stenstrom may offer argument and testimony congruent with Pa.R.P.C that is not expected to exceed basic knowledge of Pennsylvania statutory election law and Common Law, but if challenged by Defendants' counsel as to whether such testimony transcends into expert witness testimony, is prepared to proffer proof, with curriculum vitae, iaw Pa.R.P.C., at the requested hearing for the subject motion.
- 19. Plaintiffs respectfully request the Honorable Court to amend subject petition admitting them as

both qualified intervenors, and their appearance as Pro Se Plaintiff litigants, in order to meet strident laches requirements of Pennsylvania election law, meet pending election certification requirements, and recognize Plaintiffs as only persons remaining with standing and wherewithal to submit the subject motion and collateral filings, to fully adjudicate, and justly remediate subject petitions.

# **RELIEF REQUESTED**

- 20. Defendants have employed a delaying strategy to exhaust Plaintiffs financial resources and frustrate the Honorable Court, knowing that impending deadlines to complete November 7th, 2023, primary election preparations must be weighed by the Honorable Court for the public good.
- 21. The Defendants' Solicitor false testimony that there was only one (1) error, weighed heavily on the Court's ruling and order.
- 22. Whether such delaying strategy was done knowingly, or unknowingly, the Defendants, as public officials, and their Solicitor, nevertheless, have a duty to know, and Plaintiff Marietta should be awarded sanctions as permitted by law, and with the discretion of the Honorable Court, to award legal expenses (currently approx. \$30,000, not including further expenses that may emanate should requested relief be granted), and not further chill other candidates, or the People of Pennsylvania, from asserting their statutory and common law rights regarding fair and honest elections, regardless of whether errors or discrepancies were within Defendants' control.
- 23. Plaintiff Marietta should also be awarded the \$50 per precinct (\$300) withheld by Defendants, having provided prima facie evidence of election result errors / discrepancies.
- 24. Plaintiff Marietta has expended substantial expense to serve the public good and trust as a County Commissioner, and further expended \$30,000 in legal fees to date to protect the People of Fayette Counties votes, and properly assert his statutory and common law rights to assure fair and honest elections.
- 25. Further time and expense could be spared by simply ordering that Plaintiff Marietta be included as a Republican candidate on the November primary ballot for election as County Commissioner, which remedy the Court may find some level of precedent in Marks v Stinson (citation), or may otherwise be agreed upon by Defendants during oral arguments as a satisfactory remedy.

26. Notwithstanding the prospective, proposed aforementioned remedy, Plaintiffs have no other option than to request this Honorable Court order a full recount of all precincts, as required by statutory election law.

Respectfully submitted:

JON R. MARIETTA JR.

Date: 28 AUG 2023

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# **EXHIBIT** A

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	Voters	Republicans	Cast	Ballots	Ballots	Ballots	Cast Ballots	4 Candidates	Candidates	Undervotes
Bullskin 1	2651	1551	968	540	52	0	592	873	86	209
Recounted				540	52	0	592	865	86	
Difference (ABS)				0	0	0	0	8	0	
Bullskin-3	904	493	301	170	10	0	180	258	17	85
Recounted				170	10	0	180	258	18	
Difference (ABS)				0	0	0		0	1	
Connellsville	1308	714	395	206	15	0	221	349	26	29
Recounted				206	15	0	221	346	15	
Difference (ABS)				0	0	0		3	11	
Dunbar	582	302	183	105	9	0	111	168	12	42
Recounted				105	9	0	111	165	11	
Difference (ABS)				0	0	0		3	1	
Georges	1462	299	454	175	19	2	196	272	34	82
Recounted				175	19	0	194	271	30	
Difference (ABS)				0	0	2	2	1	4	
South Connellsville	1059	573	317	180	6	0	189	300	15	63
Recounted				180	6	0	189	293	15	
Difference (ABS)				0	0	0	0	7	0	
Total Reported	7966	4300	2546	1376	111	2	1489	2220	202	548
Total Recounted			1487	1376	111	0	1487	2198	187	
Difference (Absolute)			1059	0	0	2	2	22	17	
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#### VERIFICATION

We, Jon R. Marrietta, Jr. and Gregory Stenstrom state that we are Pro Se Plaintiffs in this matter and are authorized to make this Verification on its behalf. We hereby verify that the statements made in the foregoing MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION are true and correct to the best of our knowledge, information, and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 19 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

JON R. MARIETTA JR.

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SELF REPRESENTATION (PRO SE)

## COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CIVIL DIVISION: ELECTION LAW

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MARIETTA, et al.
Plaintiffs,
v.
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Defendants

#### **CERTIFICATE (PROOF) OF SERVICE**

Plaintiffs certify that they caused MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION to be served on the following via U.S.P.S. Certified Mail, personal service, and/or email to:

Defendants, Fayette County, PA c/o Board of Elections Solicitor Sheryl Heid 61 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 (724) 430-1200

/S/ Jon R. Marietta, Jr., and Gregory Stenstrom

Dated: August 28th, 2023

### **EXHIBIT B**

#### **ORDER**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2023 upon consideration of the subject 2<sup>nd</sup> RULE 1531 MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF (231 Pa. Code § 1531), it is hereby ORDERED that:

- That an immediate litigation hold on ALL election equipment (voting machines), data storage (both fixed and portable), blue books, records, ballots, envelopes, return sheets, electronic records, and other election materials for Fayette County, to the broadest possible interpretation of administrative procedures and law, be retained and secured from potential spoliation, is GRANTED.
- 2. That within the next five business days, the Defendants shall produce:
  - a. A digital copy of the Cast Vote Record ("CVR") files transmitted or transferred to the tabulator(s) used in the May 16, 2023, Fayette County primary election ("the Election") for all seventy-seven (77) precincts, plus the de facto "seventy-eighth" (78) precinct comprised of Mail in Ballot ("MIB") scanner(s) CVR, be made available to Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - b. Make all ballots used in the Election for all 77 precincts in Fayette County, plus the "78<sup>th</sup>" MIB precinct, including any spoiled ballots, available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - c. Make all documents used in the adjudication of ballots cast by electors for all 77 precincts, available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
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     77 (plus "78<sup>th</sup>" MIB) precincts in Fayette County available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - e. Deliver all electronic images of ballots and envelopes scanned by any mail sorting, scanners, or imaging equipment use for the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election, available to Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
- 3. The private meeting held amongst the Fayette County Board of Elections on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, without <u>PROPER</u> Public Notice in violation of amendments related to publishing of Meeting

Agendas of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §§ 701-716 to certify the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Primary Election should be <u>nullified and voided</u>, is GRANTED.

4. That an immediate stay of certification of the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County be made, and remain in place, until a full public forensic investigation is completed for election results, with full transparency and accounting to the Plaintiffs and the People, is GRANTED.

BY THE COURT	

### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

#### JON R. MARRIETTA JR.,

CANDIDATE FOR FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRO SE

and

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AS INTERVENORS FOR QUALIFIED ELECTOR PETITIONERS, PRO SE

Plaintiffs,

v.

**FAYETTE COUNTY, PA,** 

and

FAYETTE COUNTY, PA, BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

and

MARK ROWAN (in his official capacity),

**ROBERT J. LESNICK** (in his official capacity), and

JOHN A. KOPAS, II (in his official capacity), and

**SHERYL HEID** (in her official capacity)

**Defendants.** 

#### PRO SE

2<sup>nd</sup> MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Case # 1759 (2023)

CIVIL ACTION: BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

DISCOVERY REQUESTED

ORAL ARGUMENTS REQUESTED

JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

#### **NOTICE TO PLEAD:** To Defendants:

You are hereby notified to file a written response to Plaintiffs within thirty (30) days from date of service hereof or a judgement may be entered against you. /s/ Jon R. Marietta, Jr. & Gregory Stenstrom

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDED RULE 1531 MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Plaintiffs respectfully request the Honorable Court immediately grant subject 2<sup>nd</sup> MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, in favor of the Plaintiffs pursuant to 231 Pa. Code § 1531.

- 1. The attached Proposed Order prepended to this 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDED 1531 MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF includes requested relief, which does NOT require notice or hearing.
- 2. Plaintiffs 1<sup>st</sup> AMENDED 1531 MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF presented to the Honorable Court on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, was submitted as a motion attached to underlying civil law cause of action Breach of Fiduciary Duty Case # 1759, which unknown at that time to Plaintiffs,

- had been assigned by Common Pleas Honorable President Judge Stephen P. Leskinen to Honorable Judge Joseph M. George Jr.
- 3. Honorable Judge John F. Wagner informed the parties at the hearing of said assignment, and further informed Plaintiffs that having reviewed the (1<sup>st</sup>) motion and proposed order, and that the urgency regarding the certification of the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election by Defendants on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 said certification having already been effected would be more appropriately heard by the dutifully assigned Judge (George), who again, unknown to Plaintiffs at that time, is normally scheduled to hear motions on Tuesday's, and would be available on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, only four (4) business days later (from the hearing date).
- 4. Pro Se Plaintiffs, being reasonably unfamiliar with the Honorable Court's procedures, and seeking clarity, dutifully requested a transcript of the hearing, to determine appropriate course of actions, which the Honorable Court provided on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (See Exhibit A).
- 5. Honorable Judge John F. Wagner stated in the hearing that should Honorable Judge George or any of the other Honorable Judges that hear motions, be unable to hear the motion or case, he would hear them if, or when, the President Judge assigned it to him. (Again, see Exhibit A).
- 6. Plaintiffs Marietta and Stenstrom, now armed with an understanding of Honorable Judge Wagner's ruling respectfully, again request the subject Rule 1531 proposed order (prepended to this motion) be granted, and further, that the underlying case (No. 1759) with cause of action being Breach of Fiduciary Duty, be expeditiously assigned by Honorable President Judge Leskinen to Honorable Judge Wagner.
- 7. Honorable Judge's George and Cordero are candidates for re-election in Fayette County, PA, in the subject elections in controversy and Judge Cordero has already recused herself from being assigned the case, and Plaintiffs expect Judge George to do the same, and whether he does so as expeditiously, or not, Plaintiffs will respectfully request that he does so.
- 8. Like every relatively small, and close-knit community in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our nation, those that choose public service, including Honorable Judges, interact and know their neighbors, and especially other elected officials, and while the remaining motions Judge Vernon's and President Judge Leskinen's solemn oaths of impartiality would certainly allow them to hear the subject case and motion(s) regardless of their personal relationships and interactions with Plaintiff Marietta (who is the current elected Recorder of Deeds for Fayette County, PA, and shares

- the same office spaces in the Fayette County, PA, Courthouse), Honorable Judge Wagner is in a unique position to be assigned by President Judge Leskinen to hear the subject case and motion(s).
- 9. Honorable Judge Wagner previously heard Petitioners who had filed cases on behalf of Plaintiff Marietta (Petitions No. 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1211 of 2023, G.D. IN RE: PETITION TO OPEN BALLOT BOX(ES)), for which Plaintiffs Marietta and Stenstrom have filed Motions for Reconsideration and Rule 1532 Relief, as qualified Intervenors, in a separate litigative trajectory under Election Law (Code), that they have yet to receive an adjudicative order for, from Honorable Judge Wagner.
- 10. Central to the litigative controversy in both the case filed under Election Law (Code); and the subject Civil Case with cause of action being Breach of Fiduciary Duty and associated tort; is Plaintiffs Marietta's and Stenstrom's allegation(s) (in both cases) that Defendants have knowingly perpetrated fraud upon the Honorable Court by their statements to the Court and in media releases to the People of Fayette County, PA, that there was "only one (1) error" in the recount of six (6) precincts (of seventy seven (77)) in the County Commissioners election race, when in fact, there were 41 errors.
- 11. To put a finer point on the "errors," in only 187 Mail in Ballots provided to Plaintiff Marietta for recounting the results of the four-candidate Commissioners May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary, 17 votes were incorrectly recorded to the wrong candidate.
- 12. Using the computation of "residual vote rate" errors most <u>unfavorable</u> to Candidate and Plaintiff Marietta, this is a 9.09% error rate.
- 13. A full recount of all votes for all precincts is required, by law, should the "residual vote rate" error exceed 0.5% (1 out of 200).
- 14. Defendants had 98 days to examine and curate only those 187 Mail in Ballots before providing them under Court order by Honorable Judge Wagner before providing them for inspection to Plaintiff Marietta.
- 15. There were approximately 4,000 Mail in Ballots counted in the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election by the Defendants, which they were repeatedly recalcitrant in denying access to Plaintiffs for inspection and analysis, defying an Order from Honorable Judge Wagner compelling them to do so, and instead "negotiating" access to only the 187 specified ballots for six precincts.

- 16. Candidate cum Plaintiff Marietta "lost" by only 121 votes to two incumbent Republican candidates in the entirety of Fayette County.
- 17. Assuming ONLY the 9.09% error rate for only the 187 Mail in Ballots permitted by the Defendants for inspection by Plaintiff Marietta across approximately 4,000 Mail in Ballots withheld by the Defendants from inspection, the expected error rate could be 363 votes.
- 18. Sparing the Honorable Court the equations and calculations for the In Person Vote and the 1.00% error rate found in the inspection of 1,487 ballots provided to Candidate (Plaintiff) Marietta, the expected error rate could be 160 votes.
- 19. Hence, the error rate derived from the manual recount of only 6 out of 77 precincts permitted by Defendants to Plaintiffs, could be 523 votes, in an election race, that Defendants state Plaintiff Marietta lost by only 121 votes.
- 20. Defendants were lawfully and properly served by Plaintiffs Marietta and Stenstrom with their separate Motion for Reconsideration (under the separate Election Law trajectory) midday on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, informing them of these errors and of their lawful duty to perform a full recount of all 77 precincts in accordance with Pennsylvania election law.
- 21. Defendants responded by effecting the submission of request for "VERY URGENT" public notice to the local "Herald Standard" newspaper "to consider the results of the recount of the Republican County Commissioner race and the Court Order of August 24, 2023" at 2:00 PM US EST. (see Exhibit B).
- 22. Defendants with full knowledge that they had perjuriously extorted the Court Order of August 24, 2023, (denying Petitioners Election Law cases No. 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1211 of 2023, G.D.), by perpetrating fraud upon the Honorable Court, and at best case having a full duty to know, and ALL five (5) of the Defendants being licensed, barred attorneys, subject to Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct, which is presumably a "higher bar" for ethical conduct, knowingly intended to illegally certify the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary under color of law, skirting the intent of the Pennsylvania "Sunshine Act" (P.S. 65 Sections 701-716)
- 23. Plaintiffs Marietta and Stenstrom, inadvertently and erroneously, reasonably alleged Defendants had not provided proper public notice because Defendants, whether by intention or omission, failed to post notice on the Fayette County Board of Election notices website, failed to physically post

the agenda, and contrary to previous practice, failed to notify candidates and third parties of said hearing, and because Plaintiffs were unable to find the public notice in Internet searches for said public notice, as the search engines had not yet indexed the Herald Standard's public notice in the Classified Section, and were only made aware of this error on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, by a reporter (Mike Jones) for the Herald.

- 24. It is because of such scurrilous skiting of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act by malfeasant public officials' that the law was amended by Gov. Tom Wolf on June 30, 2021, to require that the Defendants should:
  - a. make **detailed** public meeting agendas available 24 hours prior to a meeting;
  - b. post the meeting agenda with a list of each matter of agency business that will be the subject of deliberation or official action not later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting;
  - c. post the meeting agenda at both the meeting location and the Board's main office;
  - d. provide copies of the meeting agenda to individuals in attendance
- 25. Defendants published no such <u>detailed</u> agenda, and only attempted to perfect their illegal certification under color of law by publishing POST meeting minutes congratulating themselves on obfuscating and effectively hiding the factual results of the election and recount conducted by the Plaintiffs, from the Honorable Court and the People of Fayette County. (See Exhibit C).
- 26. While the efficacy, and plausible deniability, that might spare the Defendants from criminal prosecution and/or disciplinary actions by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for conduct by licensed attorneys (one of who is a federal judge residing in Virginia and was appointed to the Board of Elections for reasons unknown to the Plaintiffs), the "lawyering" and deception involved in deceiving the Honorable Court, specifically Judge Wagner, the Plaintiffs, other candidates, and the People of Fayette County is clear.
- 27. Given the knowledge of the Defendants scurrilous, underhanded actions in fraudulently certifying a vote they knew required a recount to be compliant with election law, and their recalcitrance in defying the Honorable Court's order previously compelling Defendants to provide all election materials (CVR's, ballots, envelopes, etc.) to Plaintiffs, and evident proclivity to subvert and break the law, it is not unreasonable for the Court to IMMEDIATELY grant Plaintiffs request for an Order for litigation hold of all these election materials for their inspection, and to ensure these

materials will be fully available to law enforcement and justice officials for investigation.

28. With the November general election now approaching, and required Logic and Accuracy Testing ("L&A Testing"), and production of Ballot Definition Documents (ballot templates), and printing of Mail In Ballots and In Person ballots required to be started in only the next one to two weeks, there is substantial concern that the evidentiary base and burden of production on Defendants will be destroyed or otherwise spoliated during those preparations, and that Defendants might be able to curate the fraud alleged by Plaintiffs Marietta and Stenstrom, under the false guise of "administrative errors."

29. The Defendants, and the Honorable Court, have a duty to protect the evidentiary base for either or all of the Election Law cases (assuming they may proceed on an appellate trajectory or be submitted under separate Rule 1532 action to the Commonwealth Court under their original jurisdiction), and the Civil Law Breach of Fiduciary Duty and tort, AND any prospective criminal investigation, thus compelling urgent, and aggressive action to preserve the election materials for inspection and investigation.

30. Lastly, the reasons the Plaintiffs have had to proceed Pro Se, is because aside from Defendants financially exhausting Plaintiffs, few to no licensed attorneys are willing to touch the controversy surrounding elections and risk censure or disbarment, and similarly, Honorable Jurists and triers of fact have been reluctant to hear said cases because despite their best efforts to fairly and impartially adjudicate them, the Defendant political and partisan parties have demonstrated no shame or ethics in attacking anyone – including Honorable Courts and honest People in subverting our elections.

31. Plaintiffs can think of no better remedy than to continue to proceed Pro Se, and for Judge Wagner, an accomplished, fair, and impartial Jurist, and Trier of Fact, with 36 years on the bench, who is retiring, and immune from partisan politics, to finally sort things out.

(Signatures next page)

### Respectfully submitted:

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#### **VERIFICATION**

We, Jon R. Marrietta, Jr. and Gregory Stenstrom state that we are Pro Se Plaintiffs in this matter and are authorized to make this Verification on its behalf. We hereby verify that the statements made in the foregoing 2nd 1531 MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF are true and correct to the best of our knowledge, information, and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 19 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

JON R. MARIETTA JR.

Date: 15 SEP 2023

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#### SELF REPRESENTATION (PRO SE)

## COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CIVIL DIVISION: ELECTION LAW

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## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

#### **CIVIL ACTION-LAW**

#### **BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

MARIETTA, et al.
Plaintiffs,
v.
FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, PA,
et. al,
Defendants

Plaintiffs certify that they caused 2nd 1531 MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF to be served on the following via U.S.P.S. Certified Mail, personal service, and/or email to:

**CERTIFICATE (PROOF) OF SERVICE** 

Defendants, Fayette County, PA, Board of Elections Solicitor Sheryl Heid 61 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 (724) 430-1200

/S/ Jon R. Marietta, Jr., and Gregory Stenstrom

Dated: September 15th, 2023

## EXHIBIT A

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

#### CIVIL DIVISION

JON R. MARRIETTA, JR., Candidate for: Fayette County Commissioner, pro se, and GREGORY STENSTROM, Authorized Representative, pro se,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

FAYETTE COUNTY, PA, BOARD OF ELECTIONS, and MARK ROWAN, and ROBERT J. LESNICK, and JOHN A. KOPAS, II, and SHERYL HEID,

Defendants: No. 1759 of 2023 GD

#### MOTIONS COURT

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

Before the Honorable JOHN F. WAGNER, JR., Senior Judge, Wednesday, September 13, 2023, in Courtroom No. 2, Courthouse, Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

#### APPEARANCES:

FOR THE DEFENDANT:

JOHN R. PURCELL, ESQUIRE SHERYL HEID, ESQUIRE

LORI LYNN WILLIAMS OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

#### PROCEEDINGS

(Convened at 9:10 o'clock a.m.)

(Court Security admonished the audience that cell phones are to be turned off.)

THE COURT: Okay. We have, in various forms here, I believe, a Motion -- Rule 1531 Motion For Injunctive Relief filed at No. 1759 of 2023 General Docket; correct?

(Inaudible response.)

THE COURT: What would you like to say?

THE PLAINTIFF MARRIETTA: Well, what I do want to say is that -- I will tell you what, Your Honor, I'm not being funny, first off, I do respect you very much. I am Jon Marrietta and everyone knows me as the Hillbilly and I have lived in this county for forty -- sixty-one years. I have been married to the same lady for forty-one years. I have three children and seven grandchildren. I ran for county commissioner for one reason and I am going to continue to run for county commissioner for one reason, because I want to invoke change in the county. This is about election integrity and there is no doubt about it. It is about -- this isn't about any candidate.

COURT SECURITY OFFICER BYERS: Turn that off.

(Court reporter admonished that it is not permitted to record audio or video in the courtroom.)

THE PLAINTIFF MARRIETTA: This is about election integrity. This isn't about any particular candidate. This is about making sure everyone's vote counts and that is why I went ahead and proceeded. I ran for Recorder of Deeds two years ago and shortly after the election, I went to the Republican Committee and asked them, shouldn't we have a recount because the vote was close and everybody told me, no. Stand down, you won. This is where we are at right now. I think that the process is flawed. think that we have definite discrepancies in the whole situation. I think that we can prove them, if we can get to see the things that we need to see. We have already done that to some degree. I want this to be about we the people understand that the process needs to be intact. It is a sacred thing, your vote, and I want everybody's vote to count. That is what I have to say right now about all of this.

I brought my authorized representative Greg Stenstrom with me and he -- and he knows the process way better than I do, so that is where we are at.

THE COURT: Okay. It is filed at No. 1759 of 2023, which is a new number?

THE PLAINTIFF MARRIETTA: That would be a new number, yes.

THE COURT: It is a new filing?

THE PLAINTIFF MARRIETTA: Yes.

Steve P. Leskinen to hear the -- I don't remember the numbers now, but all of the objections that you had to the primary election -- I'm kind of searching for the proper designation. At No. 1759 of 2023, it has been assigned by the Judge Conrad B. Capuzzi, now retired, computer to Judge Joseph George. So he is currently the judge which No. 1759 of 2023 has been assigned. If, as I suspect it might, it works it way back to me, then I will proceed further with whatever needs to be done, but until it works it way back to me, it has to go through all of those people who are currently seated judges, not retired judges.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor, point of order --

THE COURT: If it works it way back to me, then
T will handle it.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor --

THE COURT: Is there anything that you want Judge George to know?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor, may it please the Court, my name is Gregory Stenstrom --

THE COURT: Are you an attorney, sir?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: I am an authorized

representative under statutory code --

(Telephone ringing in courtroom.)

THE COURT: Are you an attorney?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: No, sir.

THE COURT: You are not licensed to practice in

Pennsylvania?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: No, I am a pro se plaintiff in this case.

THE COURT: I saw you listed as a plaintiff.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Excuse me.

THE COURT: I see you're listed as a plaintiff.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Yes.

THE COURT: I have no clue what the designation authorized representative means, but --

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Authorized representative under election code, Your Honor --

THE COURT: Well, you're not under the Election Code, you're under the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure, but be that as it may, that is of no moment to me right now.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor --

THE COURT: What is it that you want to say?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: If it please the Court, I am not sure of the case numbers, we didn't have them, but today is the Amended 1531 and that is an emergency injunction under civil law and --

THE COURT: It will emergently go to Judge

George.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Judge George, when will that be?

THE COURT: I will send it to him immediately.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Well, the issue here is an emergency injunction, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I will let him know. I will get out my red pen and write emergency on the front of it.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: So --

THE COURT: Why is it an emergency?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: The emergency is that the recount here in the county -- and it was quite clear in the amended complaint, is that the plaintiff's (sic.) in the case, certified an election without making a public announcement of that election under the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law 65, Paragraph 701 of 716. That was an illegal proceeding. And they have illegally certified the vote, a vote that is going to be coming up in the primary (sic.)

THE COURT: That is your contention.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Absolutely.

THE COURT: That is what you intent to prove?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Absolutely, it --

THE COURT: So why does that make it an

emergency?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Well, they are going to certify the election -- they have already certified an election illegally, Your Honor.

THE COURT: If they have already certified the election, it is not like we're trying to prevent them from doing something today.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor, they have illegally certified an election and they are going to go forward with the primary (sic.). Having gone over, the statutory code specifically states that the residual error rate for recount is zero point five percent and we provided this one exhibit in here and it shows, clearly, that the residual error rate is aggregate of one point seven two percent and that would be more and that requires a recount, number one.

So number one, it is a statutory requirement under the election law that they have a recount; and number two, that they went knowing this and having filed a Motion For Reconsideration under the previous petitioners -- we filed a new Breach of Fiduciary Duty with the Emergency Injunction stating that the Board Of Elections illegally certified the vote and a recount is required. That constitutes an emergency, Your Honor, and that is why we are here. And what Mr. Marrietta said at the beginning, this is about restoring public trust.

THE COURT: You seem --

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Public trust has been breached, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You seem very well versed in the procedure here, on whom did you serve the petition?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: The petition was -the motion -- excuse me, the Complaint, Your Honor, and
Emergency Injunction was served by Mr. Marrietta.

THE COURT: On?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Personal service to the Board of Elections, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You have listed the County of Fayette, as a defendant, the Fayette County Board Of Elections, as a defendant, and Mr. Rowan, Mr. Lesnick, Mr. Kopas and Sheryl Heid in her personal capacity.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Excuse me, Your Honor, we corrected that. There is nobody in here in their personal capacity. That was an error and we corrected that.

THE COURT: I am looking at the amended, did you amend it again?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: It was -- we crossed that out. Yes, sir, it was corrected. It had been a carry over from the Reconsideration, and I apologize. When we filed the Reconsideration we had them in their personal capacity.

THE COURT: Let's take the personal category

out. You listed four individuals.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor, in their official capacity.

THE COURT: Okay --

MR. STENSTROM: -- excuse me --

THE COURT: -- did you serve any of the four individuals?

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Five copies were given to -- nothing requires us to serve those individuals,

THE COURT: You listed them as defendants, you are required by the Pennsylvania Rules Of Civil Procedure to serve every defendant that is listed.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Not in person, Your Honor. They are served.

THE COURT: Okay.

officials for the county and the solicitor and the Board Of Elections were properly served and there is proper service and you're right, Your Honor, I have been doing this a while.

When you serve a public official that is working in a public capacity — and these Board of Election members are appointed members for the Board Of Elections by the county, there are appointed members, they don't require personal representation, Your Honor, they only require representation by the county as

appointed members.

THE COURT: Okay. I will --

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: There was proper service, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I will be sending this to Judge George.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor, what -
THE COURT: I am not doing anything. Why would
you need to speak? You can, if you want.

MR. PURCELL: I don't want to leave this unsaid or unanswered.

THE COURT: Go ahead. I would assume that you would be filing an answer?

MR. PURCELL: We have not been served properly. Services has not been effectuated. No Sheriff instructions are provided. Yes, there is an equity or injunction request and it can be served by any competent adult, if you read the rules --

THE COURT: Dont you --

MR. PURCELL: -- any competent adult does not include the parties. So there is no service at all here.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: You're incorrect --

MR. PURCELL: Would you let me speak, sir, I let you speak, even though you have no right to speak in this Court.

THE COURT: Will you be filing Preliminary Objections then?

MR. PURCELL: We will be, once we are served. We have not been served.

THE COURT: Find your way to the Prothonotary's Office and file them.

MR. PURCELL: We will certainly file, probably a ten count Preliminary Objection, maybe more, and we will, also, object to that gentlemen over there trying to be an authorized representative. That is nonsense.

THE COURT: Yes, I understand, but he is, also, a pro se plaintiff which would --

MR. PURCELL: Which absolutely --

THE COURT: Which further muddies the water, because plaintiffs and defendants can proceed pro se, but --

MR. PURCELL: You have to have an interest in the case, you can't be from Delaware County, and not be a voter. We have already litigated the recount, Judge. It is over and the appeal period has run.

I guess here is what I want to say to the Court. I have litigated how many years in front of you, thirty-five? When you became a Judge, I was an attorney and this case has put me --

THE COURT: When I became a Judge, you were still in swaddling clothes.

MR. PURCELL: No, I was an attorney. I have argued cases in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and many places and not that that makes me anything special, but this case keeps me up at night, because these people are making claims against my assistant; against my board members that have no basis in fact and have no basis in law, yet, they are making them because they feel that this is just some game.

THE COURT: Who I might add are serving at very little, if any, compensation.

MR. PURCELL: They are getting nothing. They are getting nothing to serve on that board. Three prominent attorneys that this Court well knows, Judge Lesnick, a former administrative law judge, who served with dignity, and he has to have his name drug through the mud, because these two are making these outrageous claims that have no basis in fact.

THE COURT: You're burning my white cells.

MR. PURCELL: It needs to stop.

THE COURT: I have only have so many white cells left at my age --

MR. PURCELL: I understand.

THE COURT: -- and you're using them up.

MR. PURCELL: I am burning mine, too, with this case. It needs to stop. The allegations -- when you come into Court, you need to know what you're talking about and you need to tell the truth. I will not concede to them that they

are here for democracy. We are the one's that are here trying to hold fair elections in an atmosphere that is extremely difficult --

THE COURT: Right now this is a Court proceeding and not a political rally. Therefore, I will send it to Judge George, who I am certain will be thrilled to see this hit his desk this morning.

MR. PURCELL: Just to inform the Court, he is on the ballot, so he may not be able to take this.

THE COURT: I have no doubt in my mind that it will work it's way through the four people who have been duly elected to serve as judges in this county and end up back here on some future date, at which time you can pontificate until your heart's content, because at that point I will be getting paid by the hour to listen to you.

MR. PURCELL: I will be here, Judge?

THE COURT: Until it works it's way through the four duly elected judges and comes back to me, it's not my problem.

MR. PURCELL: Our problem is that we have an election to do, Judge.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor --

MR. PURCELL: -- it is burning time and attention that we need to do this election right.

THE COURT: Dianne --

THE CLERK: Yes, Your Honor.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor --

THE COURT: -- this is the first time in my

life that I am going to have you do this --

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor --

THE COURT: -- pick up the gavel and bang it

and announce a recess.

THE CLERK: Where is it, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Joey Nesser has it down there

somewhere.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Recess, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Yes.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Will you be

returning, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Will I be returning? No.

It is going to Judge George.

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: Your Honor, before

you bang the gavel --

(Pause.)

THE PLAINTIFF STENSTROM: I have a right to

speak, Your Honor.

(Gavel bangs.)

THE COURT: Not any longer you don't --

THE CLERK: Court is over.

THE COURT: It's adjourned.

THE CLERK: Sorry, adjourned.

(Judge exits courtroom.)

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(Proceedings concluded at 9:25 o'clock a.m.)

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Lori Lynn Williams, hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me upon the hearing of the within and that this copy is a true and correct transcript of the same.

Lori Lynn Williams Official Court Reporter

## EXHIBIT B

#### **Amy Revak**

From:

Amy Revak

Sent:

Monday, August 28, 2023 2:01 PM

To:

hslegals@heraldstandard.com

Subject:

FW: VERY URGENT -- Election Board Meeting

**Attachments:** 

Legal Ad - P-2023 August 30 Election Board meeting[19].pdf; Legal Ad - P-2023 August

30 Election Board meeting[19].docx

Importance:

High

Good afternoon,

See attached. Can I please get this in tomorrow?

*Amy Re*vak

Chief Clerk of Fayette County 724-430-1200 extension 1504

From: Marybeth Kuznik <mbkuznik@fayettepa.org>

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:00 PM

To: Amy Revak <arevak@FAYETTEPA.ORG>
Subject: VERY URGENT -- Election Board Meeting

Importance: High

Dear Amy,

Here is the notice. I am so sorry about the phone!

Thank you for your help,

MB

Marybeth Kuznik Director Fayette County Election Bureau 2 West Main Street, Suite 111 Uniontown, PA 15401 724-430-1289, ext. 101, phone 724-430-4948, fax Legal Ad – Please publish today -- needs to run with 24 hours' notice, so needs to run no later than tomorrow, Tuesday, August 29.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Fayette County Board of Elections will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 10:30 AM in the Election Bureau Office at the Gallatin Bank Building, 2 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401, to consider the results of the recount of the Republican County Commissioner race and the Court Order of August 24, 2023, and to consider the location of the Henry Clay Township polling place.

County Board of Elections Fayette County, PA

Mark Rowan Robert J. Lesnick John A. Kopas, III

#### **Amy Revak**

From:

Amy Revak

Sent:

Monday, August 28, 2023 2:21 PM

To:

hslegals

Subject:

RE: VERY URGENT -- Election Board Meeting

Received, thank you.

Amy Revak

Chief Clerk of Fayette County 724-430-1200 extension 1504

From: hslegals <hslegals@heraldstandard.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2023 2:08 PM **To:** Amy Revak <arevak@FAYETTEPA.ORG>

Subject: Re: VERY URGENT -- Election Board Meeting

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Hi Amy,

Sure. I have this scheduled for tomorrow. The proof & invoice are attached.

Thanks,

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Subject: FW: VERY URGENT -- Election Board Meeting

# EXHIBIT C

### **Fayette County Election Board Meeting**

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

### Fayette County Election Bureau's Training Room

2 West Main Street, Suite 111, Uniontown, PA 15401, at 3:00 pm.

### **Silent Prayer or Moment of Reflection**

### Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Roll Call**

Election Board Members in attendance:

Robert Lesnick, serving as Chair John Kopas, III Mark Rowan, (attended via Zoom)

### Also present:

Jack Purcell, Solicitor, Fayette County Marybeth Kuznik, Director of Elections Jessica Zele, Deputy Director of Elections

### Meeting called to order by Robert Lesnick at 3:09PM

#### **Public Comment of Agenda Item:**

None

### Review of Minutes of the July 27, 2023, and August 17, 2023, meetings

John Kopas moved to postpone the review until the next meeting.

Mark Rowan seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

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ON THE RECORD
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MR. STENSTROM: I appreciate...

THE COURT: And, the fact that I said that, I am upset at myself for losing my temper a little bit...

MR. STENSTROM: I understand, Your Honor.

THE COURT: ...because I don't do it very often, but I am talking. Okay.

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Have you made service on any of the defendants?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, yes, we have. Your Honor, I would like to address...

THE COURT: Is there any affidavit of service that you can give me?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, I have a right...

THE COURT: Please stop interrupting me. Do you have an affidavit of service to show the service was made properly under the Rules of Civil Procedure and not by a party to the proceeding, because that is now lawful service?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, we have a proper certificate of service that was filed with the motion and the subject...

THE COURT: Do you have a copy of it that I can see?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor...

THE COURT: Because we looked in the Prothonotary's file and it was not there.

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, the case before the (inaudible) today and the case before you is a Rule 1531 Motion...

THE COURT: I know exactly what it is, sir.

MR. STENSTROM: A 1531 Motion—are you going to let me speak, Your Honor, or...

THE COURT: I am not going to let you drill on

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about things that don't count. I asked you for an affidavit of service. Do you have a copy I can see?

MR. STENSTROM: Rule 1531, there is a certificate of service in there from the...

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MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, the certificate of service is included with the 1531 Motion.

THE COURT: And, it says service by John Marietta. That's the only affidavit of service I saw. The definition of "competent adult" specifically excludes parties.

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor...

THE COURT: I mean, this is basic law.

MR. STENSTROM: ...may I address the Court with your—would it please the Court if I could address the Court and answer the first question about our standing, although that is not an issue?

THE COURT: No. No. Let's go to service because due process requires notice and an opportunity for a hearing. You have had eight days to provide notice since you first came in with this alleged emergency petition.

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, the Rule 1531, okay, if you are speaking of Rule 1532, a Rule 1531 Motion specifically says, "the urgent nature of a Rule 1531 Motion,"

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MR. STENSTROM: If it please the Court, may I respond, Your Honor?

THE COURT: No. Right now...

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THE COURT: ... I have other things to take care of...

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THE COURT: When the rules have been complied with...

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, they had eight days to file their preliminary objection, and Judge Wagner also said that. I will say the right to file a lawsuit pro se is one of the most sacred important rights under the Constitution, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I am not denying because it is pro se...

MR. STENSTROM: Also, members or groups or...

THE COURT: Again, sir, stop. Stop interrupting me! I am not denying it because you are pro se. I suspect that you have no standing, you are not a lawyer and you can't possibly be an authorized representative for an undisclosed

person. So, we will wait and see, but in the meantime, I am going to tell you to get it served and once you get it served on the defendants, if you want to come back here next week, possibly...

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, how about if we serve them right now and we could be back here in ten minutes after the Sheriff's Office serves them?

THE COURT: We have Arraignment Court today and we have 40 people coming in to enter guilty pleas and get sentenced. That video is going to start in five minutes. I don't have time to do it today, but we can shoot for Tuesday afternoon. We could start at 1:00 o'clock if you would like, but you are not going to get any hearing if between now and Tuesday you haven't had the sheriff serve the defendants you want to have to respond.

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, they had the same eight day opportunity. Judge Wagner specifically said they had the same eight day opportunity to file preliminary objections.

THE COURT: And, if you were an attorney, you would understand that...

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Do you plan to be here at 1:00 o'clock on Tuesday?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, I plan to be here at 1:00 o'clock and every day afterwards, and I am not going away, neither is Mr. Marietta.

THE COURT: I didn't say you were.

MR. STENSTROM: Well, we have a right as pro se plaintiffs, and I am going to raise...

THE COURT: I am not saying you don't.

MR. STENSTROM: I am raising an objection here at this hearing, Your Honor, that you have denied our rights here and you denied our pro se rights and that we have perfected service, and if that was a problem, then the defendants have a responsibility to file preliminary objections...

THE COURT: Sir...

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MR. STENSTROM: I don't need to be a lawyer, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Excuse me, sir. Excuse me, sir. I am not going to allow you to interrupt me. I don't allow licensed attorneys to interrupt me and because you are a pro se party doesn't make you superior to a licensed attorney. You have not provided evidence of valid legal service.

MR. STENSTROM: And, Your Honor, you are making the argument that the defendants should be making. You are making the argument that the defendants should be making, who are not here.

THE COURT: I am not taking an advocate's position in this role, but it is my obligation to respect the Constitution. The Constitution requires legally valid service when possible, and certainly you have had eight days that it has been possible and you have ignored what you were told in Judge Wagner's courtroom that service was not valid eight days ago.

MR. STENSTROM: Judge Wagner did not rule that, Your Honor.

THE COURT: So, what was not valid eight days

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THE COURT: Thank you. Tuesday at 1:00 o'clock.

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following, Your Honor.

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MR. STENSTROM: I appreciate...

THE COURT: And, the fact that I said that, I am upset at myself for losing my temper a little bit...

MR. STENSTROM: I understand, Your Honor.

THE COURT: ...because I don't do it very often, but I am talking. Okay.

Now, Judge Wagner said that they should file Preliminary Objections, but a prerequisite to their filing preliminary objection is them being served. Service of notice is one of the two hallmarks of due process. Defendants are not required to respond in any way, with a responsive pleading, whether it is preliminary objections or an answer to a complaint until they have been legally served. Legal service requires that the sheriff or the sheriff's deputies serve them. You have had eight days since that defect was pointed out in that proceeding in front of Judge Wagner to make service.

Have you made service on any of the defendants?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, yes, we have. Your Honor, I would like to address...

THE COURT: Is there any affidavit of service that you can give me?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, I have a right...

THE COURT: Please stop interrupting me. Do you have an affidavit of service to show the service was made properly under the Rules of Civil Procedure and not by a party to the proceeding, because that is now lawful service?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, we have a proper certificate of service that was filed with the motion and the subject...

THE COURT: Do you have a copy of it that I can see?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor...

THE COURT: Because we looked in the Prothonotary's file and it was not there.

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, the case before the (inaudible) today and the case before you is a Rule 1531 Motion...

THE COURT: I know exactly what it is, sir.

MR. STENSTROM: A 1531 Motion—are you going to let me speak, Your Honor, or...

THE COURT: I am not going to let you drill on

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about things that don't count. I asked you for an affidavit of service. Do you have a copy I can see?

MR. STENSTROM: Rule 1531, there is a certificate of service in there from the...

THE COURT: Do you have a copy I can see because we looked in the file and there wasn't an affidavit of service,

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, the certificate of service is included with the 1531 Motion.

THE COURT: And, it says service by John Marietta. That's the only affidavit of service I saw. The definition of "competent adult" specifically excludes parties.

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor...

THE COURT: I mean, this is basic law.

MR. STENSTROM: ...may I address the Court with your—would it please the Court if I could address the Court and answer the first question about our standing, although that is not an issue?

THE COURT: No. No. Let's go to service because due process requires notice and an opportunity for a hearing. You have had eight days to provide notice since you first came in with this alleged emergency petition.

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, the Rule 1531, okay, if you are speaking of Rule 1532, a Rule 1531 Motion specifically says, "the urgent nature of a Rule 1531 Motion,"

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THE COURT: Excuse me, Mr. Stenstrom, I have been practicing law and acting as a judge for 45 years. I am very familiar with Rule 1531 and I am very familiar with the Constitution. A preliminary injunction without notice and without service on the defendants can be entered if it is not practical or possible to complete service. You have had at minimum eight days from last Wednesday until today to complete proper service, and the fact that service was not proper was

highlighted in front of Judge Wagner last Wednesday. So, you are coming in and pleading, well, I haven't had time to make service. You have had eight days to make service.

MR. STENSTROM: If it please the Court, may I respond, Your Honor?

THE COURT: No. Right now...

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor...

THE COURT: ...I have other things to take care of...

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor...

THE COURT: When the rules have been complied with...

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, they had eight days to file their preliminary objection, and Judge Wagner also said that. I will say the right to file a lawsuit pro se is one of the most sacred important rights under the Constitution, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I am not denying because it is pro se...

MR. STENSTROM: Also, members or groups or...

THE COURT: Again, sir, stop. Stop interrupting me! I am not denying it because you are pro se. I suspect that you have no standing, you are not a lawyer and you can't possibly be an authorized representative for an undisclosed

person. So, we will wait and see, but in the meantime, I am going to tell you to get it served and once you get it served on the defendants, if you want to come back here next week, possibly...

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, how about if we serve them right now and we could be back here in ten minutes after the Sheriff's Office serves them?

THE COURT: We have Arraignment Court today and we have 40 people coming in to enter guilty pleas and get sentenced. That video is going to start in five minutes. I don't have time to do it today, but we can shoot for Tuesday afternoon. We could start at 1:00 o'clock if you would like, but you are not going to get any hearing if between now and Tuesday you haven't had the sheriff serve the defendants you want to have to respond.

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, they had the same eight day opportunity. Judge Wagner specifically said they had the same eight day opportunity to file preliminary objections.

THE COURT: And, if you were an attorney, you would understand that...

MR. STENSTROM: I don't need to be an attorney...

THE COURT: Excuse me, sir. Excuse me, sir. I am the Judge and when I start talking, you stop, and that's just

basic respect, and you probably would know that if you were a lawyer, but the Constitution requires legally valid service. And legally valid service has not been accomplished in this case. If it has, you have not filed an affidavit that says that it has been. You have had eight days to provide legally valid service and you have not done it. 1:00 o'clock on Tuesday, and if you had service at that point, we will take up whatever we can at that point in time, but we want defendants to have an opportunity to respond to the allegations that are being made.

Do you plan to be here at 1:00 o'clock on Tuesday?

MR. STENSTROM: Your Honor, I plan to be here at 1:00 o'clock and every day afterwards, and I am not going away, neither is Mr. Marietta.

THE COURT: I didn't say you were.

MR. STENSTROM: Well, we have a right as pro se plaintiffs, and I am going to raise...

THE COURT: I am not saying you don't.

MR. STENSTROM: I am raising an objection here at this hearing, Your Honor, that you have denied our rights here and you denied our pro se rights and that we have perfected service, and if that was a problem, then the defendants have a responsibility to file preliminary objections...

THE COURT: Sir...

MR. STENSTROM: ... and be present.

THE COURT: ...when I start talking you stop. You have not perfected service. Look at the rules and, you know, I feel like I am arguing with a goldfish, but there is no response. If you were a lawyer, you would read the rules and see the rules...

MR. STENSTROM: I don't need to be a lawyer, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Excuse me, sir. Excuse me, sir. I am not going to allow you to interrupt me. I don't allow licensed attorneys to interrupt me and because you are a pro se party doesn't make you superior to a licensed attorney. You have not provided evidence of valid legal service.

MR. STENSTROM: And, Your Honor, you are making the argument that the defendants should be making. You are making the argument that the defendants should be making, who are not here.

THE COURT: I am not taking an advocate's position in this role, but it is my obligation to respect the Constitution. The Constitution requires legally valid service when possible, and certainly you have had eight days that it has been possible and you have ignored what you were told in Judge Wagner's courtroom that service was not valid eight days ago.

MR. STENSTROM: Judge Wagner did not rule that, Your Honor.

THE COURT: So, what was not valid eight days

ago is not valid today.

MR. STENSTROM: That was not Judge Wagner's ruling.

THE COURT: Thank you. Tuesday at 1:00 o'clock.

OFF THE RECORD.

9:29 O'CLOCK A.M.

(At this time, the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken stenographically by me on the hearing of the within case and that the copies are a true and correct transcript of the same.

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KATHY L. GOODWIN
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

### CIVIL DIVISION

JON R. MARRIETTA, JR., Candidate for Fayette County Commissioner, pro se and GREGORY STENSTROM, Authorized Representative, pro se,

CIVIL DIVISION

Plaintiffs,

No. 1759 of 2023, G.D.

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V.

FAYETTE COUNTY, PA, BOARD OF ELECTIONS, and MARK ROWAN, and ROBERT J. LESNICK, and JOHN A. KOPAS, II, and SHERYL HEID,

Defendants.

## REVISED MOTIONS COURT PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings were held in the above-entitled matter before the HONORABLE JUDGE STEVE P. LESKINEN on Thursday, September 21, 2023, in Courtroom Number 1 of the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

# **APPEARANCES**:

PLAINTIFFS WERE PRO SE

NO ONE PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANTS.

KATHY L. GOODWIN OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER Law trajectory.

The reason we are here today is specific to civil law, Breach of Fiduciary Duty and Tort regarding the actions of defendants and denying Mr. Marietta and myself our rights to address our grievances before the Court.

THE COURT: In fairness, and I don't mean to make you run a gauntlet of objections, I am sure that once the parties are served they will be making their own objections, but I don't see an attorney identification number next to your name. You are listed as an authorized representative. It doesn't say who you are an authorized representative for, and your address is listed as Chester County. So, I have a couple of questions about your standing. If you were an attorney, obviously, you could represent someone, have the ability to represent someone. Who are you the authorized representative for? So, those questions aren't going to be answered today.

Is there anyone here on behalf of any of the defendants?

MR. STENSTROM: Excuse me, Your Honor. I have—I am a pro se plaintiff.

THE COURT: Wait. I am asking first if there is anyone here on behalf of the defendants.

The other issue in the case is service, and I reviewed the transcript from your presentation to Judge Wagner last Wednesday, which is now eight days ago, and your objection

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# EXHIBIT C

# IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION CIVIL ACTION - ELECTION LAW

JON R. MARRIETTA JR., PRO SE,

Republican Candidate for Commissioner and

GENO GALLO, PRO SE

Democrat Candidate for Commissioner and

**GREGORY STENSTROM, PRO SE,** 

Authorized Representative

Plaintiffs,

v.

**FAYETTE COUNTY, PA,** 

and

FAYETTE COUNTY, PA, BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

and

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SHERYL HEID (in her official capacity)

**JACK PURCELL** (in his official capacity)

**Defendants.** 

Case # \_\_\_\_\_ MD 2023

**PRO SE** 

REQUEST FOR RULE 1532 SPECIAL AND SUMMARY RELIEF

CIVIL ACTION: ELECTION LAW

**DISCOVERY REQUESTED** 

ORAL ARGUMENTS REQUESTED

JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

(Note: Proposed Order attached last page)

**NOTICE TO PLEAD:** To Defendants:

You are hereby notified to file a written response to Plaintiffs within thirty (30) days from date of service hereof or a judgement may be entered against you. /s/ Jon R. Marietta, Jr. & Gregory Stenstrom

### REQUEST FOR RULE 1532 EMERGENCY SPECIAL AND SUMMARY RELIEF

- 1. Per 210 Pa. Code § 1532, Plaintiffs Special and Summary Relief from continued violations of election law 25 P.S. § 3146.8, Act 77 § 1309, Act 65 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 701-716, and 42 U.S. Code § 1983. This request incorporates and references the underlying petition, with all it exhibits, in the subject case.
- 2. The urgent nature of subject Rule 1532 Request for Special and Summary Relief before the Honorable Court is to remedy:

- a. Defendants Fayette County and Fayette County Board of Elections stated intent during public hearing on September 25th, 2023, to destroy and/or spoliate public election records and election machines used in the May 16th, 2023 primary election as a supposed function and outcome of upcoming Logic and Accuracy (L&A) testing; and also to secure Order from the Honorable Commonwealth Court for full recount of the Fayette County election.
- b. Defendants continued denial of Plaintiffs lawful and timely requests for full recount of all ballots cast in the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County.
- c. Defendants unlawful certification of the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County.

### 3. Plaintiffs requested special relief is that

- a. The election materials and evidentiary base required to accurately determine the true results of the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, election be secured from destruction and spoliation and,
- Defendants be ordered to permit a full recount of the Fayette County May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023,
   primary election, as was required by election law, and,
- c. This Honorable Court set aside Defendants certification of that election.
- 4. The only administrative inconvenience or subsequent controversy that might arise from this Honorable Court granting the requested order, is that a full recount (finally) be performed as has been required by law, and that Defendants can readily hold another public meeting to (re)certify the vote –this time in accordance with PA Sunshine laws, and with public observation and comment.

### **PLAINTIFFS**

5. Pro Se Plaintiff, Jon R. Marietta, resides at 348 Bunker Hill Road, New Salem, PA 15468. Mr. Marietta is a **REPUBLICAN** candidate running for public office (County Commissioner), and was a Republican candidate in the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County, PA.

- 6. Pro Se Plaintiff, Geno Gallo, resides at 232 North Seventh Street, Connelsville, PA, 15425.
  Mr. Gallo is a **DEMOCRAT** candidate running for public office (County Commissioner),
  and was a Democrat candidate in the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County.
- 7. Pro Se Plaintiff, Gregory Stenstrom, is an "authorized representative," a statutory role under election law, duly appointed by Plaintiff Jon Marietta. Mr. Stenstrom resides at 1541 Farmers Lane, Glen Mills, PA. 19342.

### **DEFENDANTS**

- 8. Defendant Fayette County corporation is the incorporated, fictitious government entity the People of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, has instituted and impugned with their powers and authority to conduct statutory and administrative tasks on their behalf.
- 9. Defendant Fayette County Board of Elections, is the fictitious government entity responsible for administering elections for Fayette County, Pennsylvania, with those powers and duties as set forth in the Pennsylvania Election Code 25 Pa.C.S.
- 10. The Fayette County Board of Elections, in turn, has appointed various employees and solicitors to act for it pursuant to 25 Pa.C.S. § 2643, and these named parties (Defendants Rowan, Lesnick, Kopas, Purcell and Heid), as such, are included as Defendants in their official capacities, as physical personages of the "BOE."

### **CONTROVERSY**

- 11. The core controversy before the Honorable Court is that Defendants, all government officials, have stated there was only 0.000385% residual error rate, despite a partial recount by Plaintiffs, who having timely requested recount, subsequently tabulated a 9.09% Mail in Ballot residual error rate, a 1.0% error rate for In Person ballots, and an aggregate 1.72% error rate, exceeding the 0.5% residual error rate that required a full recount on the May 2023 primary; and reported as such to Defendants.
- 12. Defendants, all licensed attorneys, hold the positions:
  - a. That their integrity, by virtue alone, is unimpugnable and must remain

unquestioned;

- b. That they are immune from compliance with Election Law statutes;
- c. Have the authority to refuse to disclose public records and comply with Court orders, or with Pennsylvania Office of Open Records opinions;
- d. That their authority supersedes Plaintiffs assertion of their rights under election law, civil law, common law, and constitutional law;
- e. That they have the authority to ignore Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and not publish detailed public meeting agendas, physically post notices of public meetings, and may certify elections without public observation or comment;
- f. That Plaintiffs' allegation that Defendants have perpetrated fraud upon the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas, Plaintiffs and the People are conjecturally "outrageous," without providing any material facts refuting Plaintiff's allegations;
- g. That Defendants should be implicitly trusted to fully retain all subject election results, records, electronic logs, and results, that could incriminate them of perpetrating the election fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty, the Plaintiffs have alleged.
- h. That Defendants, having already perpetrated fraud on Fayette County Common Pleas Court by stating there was only a single error in the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election, will take all due diligence to secure the subject election records in accordance with federal and state election laws, and under Pa.R.P.C. while litigation in in progress, and ABA ethics.
- 13. Destruction and spoliation of election records is a violation of Federal and State law requiring retention of those records for 22 months (under federal law) and 24 months (under PA Act 77), and retention of evidence under Pa.R.C.P and Pa.R.P.C, until litigation is fully resolved through appellate process. (NOTE: All election machine manufactures, which in Fayette County's case is Dominion, provide full capability to retain forensic images of electronic election records).
- 14. Defendants had a statutory duty to perform a full recount of the May 16th, 2023, and having a duty to know the results of the partial six (6) precinct recount performed by Plaintiffs under Defendant's observation and their participation, falsely swore that the residual error

- rate for the May 16th, 2023, election was below the 0.5% permissible error rate.
- 15. Defendants did not publish a detailed agenda and their intent to certify the election, or physically post notice, in accordance with Act 65 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 701-716, and in fact, showed malfeasant cynicism in flouting law resulting in a "public hearing" without the public being present.

### REMEDY AND PRAYER FOR RELIEF

16. Plaintiffs request, and pray, that the Honorable Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania will grant the attached proposed Order on behalf of the Plaintiffs.

(Signatures next page)

### Respectfully submitted,

Contact of

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### VERIFICATION

We, Jon R. Marrietta, Jr. Geno Gallo, and Gregory Stenstrom state that we are Pro Se Plaintiffs in this matter and are authorized to make this Verification on its behalf. We hereby verify that the statements made in the foregoing Rule 1532 Request for Special and Summary Relief are true and correct to the best of our knowledge, information, and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 19 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

JON R. MARIETTA JR.

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### SELF REPRESENTATION (PRO SE)

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### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA **CIVIL DIVISION**

### CIVIL ACTION-LAW

### **BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

MARIETTA, et al. Plaintiffs,

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, PA, et. al, Defendants

### **CERTIFICATE (PROOF) OF SERVICE**

Plaintiffs certify that they caused the subject Rule 1532 Request for Special and Summary Relief to be properly served on the following:

Defendants, Fayette County, PA, Board of Elections Solicitor Sheryl Heid 61 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 (724) 430-1200

/S/ Jon R. Marietta, Jr., Geno Gallo, and Gregory Stenstrom

Dated: 06 October 2023

### **ORDER**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 upon consideration of the subject **RULE 1532 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL AND SUMMARY RELIEF** (231 Pa. Code § 1532), it is hereby ORDERED that:

- That an immediate litigation hold on ALL election equipment (voting machines), data storage (both fixed and portable), voter registration poll books (electronic and/or paper), records, ballots, envelopes, return sheets, electronic records, and other election materials for Fayette County, to the broadest possible interpretation of administrative procedures and law, be retained and secured from potential spoliation, is GRANTED.
- 2. That within the next five \_\_\_\_\_ business days, the Defendants shall produce:
  - a. A digital copy of the Cast Vote Record ("CVR") files transmitted or transferred to the tabulator(s) used in the May 16, 2023, Fayette County primary election ("the Election") for all seventy-seven (77) precincts, plus the de facto "seventy-eighth" (78) precinct comprised of Mail in Ballot ("MIB") scanner(s) CVR, be made available to Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - b. Make all ballots used in the Election for all 77 precincts in Fayette County, plus the "78th" MIB precinct, including any spoiled ballots, available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - c. Make all documents used in the adjudication of ballots cast by electors for all 77 precincts, available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - d. Make all Mail in Ballot, Absentee, and Provisional envelopes and attestations from all 77 (plus "78<sup>th</sup>" MIB) precincts in Fayette County available for photographs by Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.
  - e. Deliver all electronic images of ballots and envelopes scanned by any mail sorting, scanners, or imaging equipment use for the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election, available to Plaintiffs, is GRANTED.

- 3. The meeting held amongst the Fayette County Board of Elections on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, without proper Public Notice, and detailed agenda, in violation of amendments related to publishing of Meeting Agendas of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §§ 701-716 to certify the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Primary Election should be nullified and voided, is GRANTED.
- 4. That an immediate stay of certification of the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, primary election in Fayette County be made, and remain in place, until a full public investigation is completed to verify election results, with full transparency and accounting to the Plaintiffs and the People, is GRANTED.

BY THE COURT		

# **EXHIBIT D**



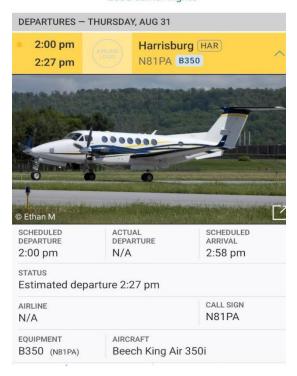
Figure 1 - PA Governor Shapiro Plane in Fayette County 31 Aug 2023

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# **EXHIBIT E**



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### New Rule 1532 Filing Marrietta et al v Fayette County et al

17 messages

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Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 2:12 PM

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Dear Prothonotary Krimmel and Theresa,

Attached please find new Rule 1532 Request for Special and Summary Relief filing for Marrietta, et al v Fayette County (PA), et al. Affidavit of Service also attached. We have email for Solicitor Purcell that we believe works, but cannot locate an email for Solicitor Heid, and none are avail

Would also appreciate attaching new action to my gregorystenstrom Commonwealth e-file account so we can e-file going forward.

Please call me with any questions.

R. Gregory Stenstrom, Pro Se Plaintiff 856-264-5495

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### Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 10:23 AM

To: CommCourt Filing <commcourtfiling@pacourts.us>, Theresa Downie <Theresa.Downie@pacourts.us> Cc: leahfreedelcopa <leahfreedelcopa@protonmail.com>

Dear Prothonatory Krimmel and Theresa,

I filed the below Rule 1532 and Proof of Service below yesterday via email and have not received a response yet. I cannot initiate a new Commonwealth Court election case via PACfile - just appellate and Common Pleas cases, or I would have filed the case. Please advise.

Thank you, **Gregory Stenstrom** 856-264-5495 [Quoted text hidden]

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Theresa Downie < Theresa. Downie @pacourts.us > To: Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com> Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 10:30 AM

This has been received and is under review

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Prothonotary

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From: Gregory Stenstrom <gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 10:24 AM

To: CommCourt Filing <commcourtfiling@pacourts.us>; Theresa Downie <Theresa.Downie@pacourts.us>

Cc: leahfreedelcopa <leahfreedelcopa@protonmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: New Rule 1532 Filing Marrietta et al v Fayette County et al

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To: Theresa Downie <Theresa.Downie@pacourts.us>

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 10:48 AM

Dear Theresa, Is there a problem? I included the Verification, Affidavit of Service, and am certain the filing itself is correct. Is the review administrative, or judicial? Thanks, Gregory Stenstrom 856-264-5495
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### Theresa Downie < Theresa. Downie @pacourts.us >

To: Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 10:53 AM

No it is standard procedure that it has to be reviewed before we give it a number.

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### Gregory Stenstrom <gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

To: Theresa Downie < Theresa. Downie @pacourts.us >

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 11:04 AM

Thank you!

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# **CommCourt Prothonotary** <commcourtprothonotary@pacourts.us> To: Gregory Stenstrom <gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 12:26 PM

Cc: Jon Marietta <chosenhillbilly1@yahoo.com>, "pattico71@gmail.com" <pattico71@gmail.com>, Geno Gallo <genogallo@gmail.com>, "jackpurcell146@gmail.com" <jackpurcell146@gmail.com>

This document cannot be accepted and docketed as filed. An action may not be commenced by filing an application for special or summary relief under Pa.R.A.P. 1532. Rule 1532(a) states, in part, that at "any time **after the filing of a petition for review**, the court may, **on application**" grant interim or special relief. (Emphasis added.) An action in this Court's original jurisdiction must be commenced by filing a petition for review in accordance with Chapter 15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure (Pa.R.A.P. 1512(c), 1513(e), etc.). Only after the filing of a petition for review may a party seek special or summary relief by filing an application in accordance with Pa.R.A.P. 1532.

In addition, a cursory review of your filing suggests that this Court may not have jurisdiction in this matter. You may wish to consult with an attorney to determine the proper manner and forum to raise your claims.

No further action will be taken on this document.

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From: Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 2:12 PM

**To:** CommCourt Filing <commcourtfiling@pacourts.us>; Theresa Downie <Theresa.Downie@pacourts.us> **Cc:** Jon Marietta <chosenhillbilly1@yahoo.com>; pattico71@gmail.com; Geno Gallo <genogallo@gmail.com>; jackpurcell146@gmail.com

Subject: New Rule 1532 Filing Marrietta et al v Fayette County et al

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Dear Prothonotary Krimmel and Theresa,

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Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 7:54 AM

To: CommCourt Prothonotary <commcourtprothonotary@pacourts.us>

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Der Prothonatory Krimmel and Theresa,

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Attached find new, corrected underlying petition and separate Rule 1532 request.

This is a matter of urgency, as there are very serious concerns that election materials - particularly electronic - required to be retained by Defendants by federal and state law - are in immediate jeopardy of being spoliated; the certification of the Fayette County May 16th, 2023, primary election was unlawfully made; and Plaintiffs rights under the law requiring a full recount have been unlawfully denied since the election.

Pro Se Plaintiffs have been unable to secure a licensed attorney, and have already been financially exhausted of \$30,000 fighting procedural blocking by Defendants - ALL licensed attorneys - in their attempt to deny Pro Se Plaintiffs access to the Courts.

Service (a County Constable) has been dispatched to deliver these filing to Defendants, and the Solicitor who is legal counsel for Defendants has been cc'd on this email.

Please review and notify Plaintiffs of the status of filings asap.

Respectfully, Gregory Stenstrom 856-264-5495

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Rule 1532 Request of Marietta Stenstrom v Fayette County 06OCT2023 filed.pdf



Petition and Request Emerg Inj Marietta Stenstrom v Fayette County 06OCT2023 filed.pdf 8569K

### Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 8:37 AM

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Dear Prothonatory Krimmel and Theresa,

To specifically address two concerns mentioned in your response yesterday. This is NOT an appellate action. One of the objections by Defendants is that the original petitions for recounts in Fayette County were filed by qualified electors for each precinct in multiple petitions. While they were, in fact, filed on Plaintiff Marrietta's behalf, and he paid for all related attorneys fees, he was not named as a Petitioner / Plaintiff on those recount petitions by his attorney, Craig Teuffel, who has since been discharged due to lack of financial resources. Plaintiffs Marietta and Stenstrom filed Motion for Reconsideration as qualified intervenors, which WAS upheld in Stenstrom and Hoopes v Delaware County Board of Elections 2021 by the Commonwealth Appellate Court, but the President Judge (Leskinen) has not ruled on that Motion in 38 days. This is addressed in the subject petition as "strategic mooting" and quashing of Plaintiff's appellate rights and 42 USC 1983 citation, and we are at loggerheads in this regard, hence the SEPARATE instant Petition submitted to assert Plaintiffs rights. Even if the potential controversy regarding Marrietta and Stenstrom raises questions regarding whether this is an original or appellate jurisdiction, Plaintiff Gallo, the Democrat candidate for Commissioner in the May 16th, 2023 election could carry the Petition forward should the Commonwealth Court excise Marrietta and Stenstrom. Regardless of any jurisdictional controversy, the Petition should be filed, and heard on its merits thus protecting the undisputed rights for PRO SE Plaintiffs to have access to the Courts, and the right to be heard and make their argument.

Secondly, Plaintiff Stenstrom, a qualified elector for Pennsylvania, filed similar petition and request for injunctive relief with Petitioners Scwartz, Hoopes, and Rumley, in Delaware County, PA, which was accepted by the Commonwealth Court for identical quashing or rights and denial by Board of Elections (in Delco) of public records (an ultimately prevailed in several aspects via separate PA OOR opinions and directives).

Lastly, as per your directive, Plaintiffs have filed a stand alone, instant underlying petition separate from their 1532 request.

Defendants - with full knowledge that they have perpetrated fraud upon the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas, the Plaintiffs, and the People of Fayette County, and now apparent complicity of Judge Leskinen, have procedurally taken every possible step to quash and hide their malfeasance, citing Rule 76 service as challenge to proper service by

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"competent adult" - now being a sworn County Constable, over the age of 18, and not party to the litigation, as "inappropriate."

Plaintiffs have truly exhausted all administrative remedies filing separate actions under election law, and civil tort law, to battle recalcitrant, and frankly shameful actions unworthy of their standing as officers of the Court, intent on blocking PRO SE Plaintiff access to the courts and unwilling to either argue or hear the merits of a worthy case that demands the attention and adjudication by the Honorable Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Prothonatory file the previously attached Petition and Rule 1532 request.

Respectfully, Gregory Stenstrom 856-264-5495

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Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com> To: Gregory Stenstrom < gstenstrom@xmail.net> Bcc: "Timothy V. Shindelar" <tvshindelar@earthlink.net> Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 8:46 AM

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Dear Prothonatory Krimmel and Theresa,

Service has been made to Defendants via County Constable and I expect his notarized affidavit of service shortly. I understand the Solicitor "rejected" it because it has not been assigned a case number yet, but nevertheless the Constable left it with the Solicitor (cc'd here), 20 day Notice to Plead was included with filing, and to the best of my knowledge as Pro Se Plaintiff, proper service can be made without assigned case number, and has been made.

Plaintiffs expect Defendants will likely file a plethora of procedural preliminary objections, to include service. Should Plaintiffs find statute regarding service for Commonwealth Court requiring a case number, and determine that they have to make service - again - then they will do so Tuesday morning, assuming we receive a case number today.

Plaintiffs remind both Defendants - all licensed attorneys - that they have a right to be heard, and have included the following citations, as such, in the Petition.

"Civil litigants have a statutory right to proceed Pro Se under 28 U.S.C. § 1654.

Pro Se Plaintiffs have a protected interest in a meaningful opportunity to be heard. This interest is analytically distinct from any protected liberty or property interests that may underlie the Plaintiff's cause of action or legal defenses.

Pro Se Plaintiffs have invoked the interest in a meaningful opportunity to be heard by this Honorable Court to gain access to the courts that has been denied to them by Defendants and the Fayette County Common Pleas Court to resolve a controversy in which they have been aggrieved and is also in the best interest of the public good and public trust.

"The fundamental tenet that the rules of procedure should work to do substantial justice, . . . commands that judges painstakingly strive to ensure that no person's cause or defense is defeated solely by reason of their unfamiliarity with procedural or evidentiary rules. . . . Cases should be decided on the merits, and to that end, justice is served by reasonably accommodating all parties, whether represented by counsel or not. This "reasonable accommodation" is purposed upon protecting the meaningful exercise of a litigant's constitutional right of access to the courts." Blair v. Maynard, 324 S.E.2d 391 (West Virginia 1984)."

Plaintiffs are Pro Se, and have made all possible, and reasonable accommodations to diligently comply with law and federal, state, and local rules of civil procedure.

Defendants' continued procedural dodges and recalcitrance to comply with election law, civil law, common law, and constitutional law, and malfeasance in perpetrating fraud upon the Plaintiffs and the People of Fayette County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are prima facie evidence of their contempt for the People, and the spirit and intent of the law - which as stated above REQUIRES them to reasonably accommodate all parties and not play childish reindeer games with the sacred right of the People to elect their government in the balance.

Regardless of Defendants continued belly button contemplation of procedure, the law and the public good and public trust will be served, and Plaintiffs will continue to file and fight to gain their rightful access to the Courts to address their grievances, and resolve the controversy which includes Defendants obfuscation of the election, recounts, public meetings, access to public records, and misconduct for which sanctions will be requested of the Honorable Court.

Gregory Stenstrom 856-264-5495

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### Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 9:52 AM

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Dear Prothonatory Krimmel and Theresa,

Please advise regarding status of review and filing for our Petition and 1532 Request.

Respectfully, Gregory Stenstrom 856-264-5495 [Quoted text hidden]

### Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 4:00 PM

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Dear Prothonatory Krimmel and Theresa,

Emailed you this morning at 9:52am for status on review, filing, and assignment of case number for petition and 1532.

Nearing close of business and it's been 5 calendar days, and 2 1/2 business days without response.

Please advise.

Respectfully, Gregory Stenstrom 856-264-5495 [Quoted text hidden]

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**Gregory Stenstrom** <gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 12, 2023 at 11:26 AM

To: CommCourt Prothonotary < commcourtprothonotary@pacourts.us>

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Dear Prothonatory Krimmel and Theresa,

Left message this morning for call back, and following up again for status of Petition and 1532. We need a status, and specifically the assigned docket number. It's been a week now, and it is an emergency petition.

We learned last night that Chester County wiped out electronic records from all voting machines for the May 2023 primary, and last week that Delaware County cannot (will not) produce any records from November 2020 despite a litigation hold and pending Commonwealth Court appellate hearing.

Every day of delay without intervention of the Honorable Commonwealth Court puts the public records required to be retained by federal and state election law, and in accordance with Pa.R.C.P and Pa.R.P.C., regarding retention of records and preservation of discoverable physical and electronic records, in jeopardy.

As discussed in previous emails, permissive allowance for destruction of records will not be excusable under either civil or criminal law as a matter of procedure when the merits of the case are well known to multiple officers of the court, licensed attorneys and judges.

We need to know - one way, or the other - what the status of this filing is, today, hence my documentation over the past several weeks and continuously "ringing of the bell" in exhausting Plaintiffs' administrative remedies, before proceeding to engage law enforcement, state justice agencies, and federal justice agency and court intervention.

Lastly - Fayette County Common Pleas Judge Wager stated very clearly - on the record in public hearing before Defendants, Plaintiffs, and dozens of the People of Fayette County - that the Fayette County Board of Elections and Solicitors were to retain the public records and election records.

The Fayette County BOE response in subsequent public hearing - that they did not record for the public record - but several citizens did - indicated that May 2023 election records might be spoliated as a result of Logic and Accuracy testing for the November 2023 election, despite having a duty to know, and a duty as licensed attorneys, that preservation of those records is required by law, and their spoliation could not possibly be excused as anything other than criminal obstruction.

Plaintiffs have demonstrated their veracity of intent to preserve and examine these public records, and will not be administratively thwarted, and require a response.

Please advise.

Respectfully, Gregory Stenstrom 856-264-5495 [Quoted text hidden]

**Gregory Stenstrom** <gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>
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Thu, Oct 12, 2023 at 11:55 AM

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Thu, Oct 12, 2023 at 3:23 PM

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Dear Prothonatory Krimmel,

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I am at a loss for words at this point, as we (the Plaintiffs) have not received any response in seven (7) calendar days, and four (4) full business days regarding our petion and 1532 request, and continued silence to our requests for status and assigned docket number.

I cannot imagine any situation where this could be a result of the normal administrative function of the Prothonotary's office, and that there must be an external influence barring you in the performance of your duties.

If there is judicial delay or some governmental delay beyond your control, then I respectfully request disclosure of exactly who is "reviewing" our lawf submission, so they might go on the record with their reasons for barring you from responding and performing your duty, and in my experience, providing impeccable honest service to the public.

I will be glad to travel to Harrisburg tomorrow to address the matter directly if that will resolve the issue, and would appreciate your direction in that regard as it is an hour and a half drive each way.

Respectfully, Gregory Stenstrom 856-264-5495

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### CommCourt Prothonotary < commcourtprothonotary@pacourts.us>

Thu, Oct 12, 2023 at 4:13 PM

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Good afternoon, Mr. Stenstrom,

Your Petition for Review was docketed yesterday at docket number 448 MD 2023. Your emergency application for relief was also docketed yesterday and is pending with the Court. You will be receiving a notice of docketing in the mail.

For future reference, please refrain from communicating with this office using this email address. This address is used for outgoing correspondence only. It should not be used for corresponding with the Court or for filing documents with the Court. If you need to communicate with our office, please use our main number at 717-255-1650.

Sincerely,

Office of the Prothonotary

Commonwealth Court

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### Gregory Stenstrom < gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

### Commonwealth Court Order Re: 448 MD 2023

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Theresa Downie <Theresa.Downie@pacourts.us> Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 3:28 PM To: "chosenhillbily1@yahoo.com" <chosenhillbily1@yahoo.com" <genegallo@gmail.com" <genegallo@gmail.com>, Gregory Stenstrom <gregorystenstrom@gmail.com>

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