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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LEA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO, DAVID GALLEGOS, TIMOTHY JENNINGS, DINAH VARGAS, MANUEL GONZALES, JR., BOBBY AND DEANN KIMBRO, and PEARL GARCIA,

Plaintiffs,

Cause No. D-506-CV-2022-00041

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER as New Mexico Secretary of State, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM as Governor of New Mexico, HOWIE MORALES as New Mexico Lieutenant Governor and President of the New Mexico Senate, MIMI STEWART as President Pro Tempore of the New Mexico Senate, and JAVIER MARTINEZ as Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Defendants.

ENTRY OF PRE-TRIAL ORDER TO PREVENT TRIAL BY AMBUSH LEGISLATIVE DEFENDANTS' EXPEDITED MOTION FOR

witnesses whom Plaintiffs "may call...to testify via affidavit, at a deposition, and/or at trial." hundred and nineteen (119) named individuals and four additional potential categories of trial preparation presented by the schedule, Plaintiffs filed a fact witness list identifying one by the Court for September 27-29, 2023. Despite the very real time constraints for discovery and proceeding on a highly compressed and expedited docket, including a three-day bench trial noticed Plaintiffs' Witness Lists [sic], filed Aug. 1, 2023. Plaintiffs' witness list does not identify which Pursuant to the New Mexico Supreme Court's Order of July 5, 2023, this matter is

As amended by the New Mexico Supreme Court's Amended Order of August 25, 2023

witness's anticipated testimony might be (nor does it provide contact information for any of them). witnesses Plaintiffs actually intend to call at the three-day trial, nor what the substance of any

in this case may have a meaningful opportunity to prepare for trial. Plaintiffs have refused to do Plaintiffs to identify which of their 119+ witnesses they intend to call at trial, so that the defendants and Javier Martinez as Speaker of the House of Representatives -The Legislative Defendants—Mimi Stewart as President Pro Tempore of the New Mexico -have repeatedly asked

this Expedited Motion, Legislative Defendants state as follows This Motion is brought on an expedited basis, as trial is set to begin in three weeks. exchange of sufficiently detailed witness lists and exhibits the parties intend to introduce at trial.³ to bring this expedited motion requesting that the Court enter a pre-trial order to assure the timely Plaintiffs will call during a three-day trial. This has left Legislative Defendants with no choice but the defendants in this case to try to guess which of more than a hundred potential witnesses to hide their cards until the last possible moment before trial—or perhaps until trial itselfworkable, common-sense pre-trial deadlines that would permit all parties to prepare adequately for trial, without requiring intervention by the Court. Unfortunately, Plaintiffs appear determined Legislative Defendants had hoped that the parties could work together In support of to agree -leaving on

counter proposal a brief summary of each witness's anticipated testimony. Plaintiffs simply did not respond to that parties exchange lists of witnesses they intend to call at trial, ranked in order of priority and with Defendants declined that stipulation and instead proposed that sufficiently in advance of trial the which they would not have to disclose their trial witnesses until the day before trial. In response to the Legislative Defendants' initial request, Plaintiffs proposed a "stipulation" in

witness is the Custodian of Records for the New Mexico Legislature, including the records of the Citizens Redistricting Committee The Legislative Defendants' fact witness list presents no such problem, as their only fact

RELEVANT PROCEDURAL FACTS

- See Notice of Hearing filed August 4, 2023 The Court has set this matter for a three-day bench trial on September 27-29, 2023
- Plaintiffs' Witness Lists [sic], filed August 1, 2023 individuals whom Plaintiffs "may call...to testify via affidavit, at a deposition, and/or at trial. 12 On August 1, 2023, Plaintiffs filed their witness list, identifying 119
- Idwhether Plaintiffs intend to present their testimony, nor the expected content of their testimony. legislative privilege, that still leaves almost 40 witnesses for whom there is no indication as even setting aside the 70+ New Mexico legislators on Plaintiffs' witness list who have asserted (S. Sanchez to C. Harrison, Aug. 16, 2023). In that letter, Legislative Defendants recognized that, Plaintiffs intend to present, and a summary of their anticipated testimony. counsel for Plaintiffs asking Plaintiffs to identify which of the individuals on their witness list On August 16, 2023, undersigned counsel for Legislative Defendants wrote See Exhibit A hereto
- by 3:00 p.m. party would disclose by August 28, 2023 the names of individuals they intend to depose, and that Defendants' request and suggesting instead that the parties enter a stipulation under which each Aug. 23, 2023, and attached proposed stipulation). witness lists for the trial starting the next day. See Exhibit B hereto (C. Harrison to S. Sanchez, on September 26, 2023, the parties would exchange "will-call" and "may-call" On August 23, 2023, Plaintiffs' counsel responded in a letter, declining Legislative
- Plaintiffs, explaining that Plaintiffs' proposed stipulation would still leave defendants in the dark 0n August 31, 2023, counsel for Legislative Defendants emailed counsel

31, 2023). Legislative Defendants asked instead that Plaintiffs to agree to the following about trial witnesses until the day before trial. Exhibit C hereto (S. Sanchez to C. Harrison, Aug

- witnesses they intend to call at trial, ranked in order of priority, with a brief summary of (1) nine days before trial, on September 18, 2023, the parties would exchange lists each witness's anticipated testimony;
- submitted on September 15); and at trial (if not already included in the parties' Annotated Findings and Conclusions (2) at the same time, the parties would exchange lists of exhibits they intend to introduce
- on Friday, September 1, 2023. Id. Plaintiffs did not do so, and still have not responded as of the Legislative Defendants asked Plaintiffs to respond to Defendants' proposal by close of business filing of this Motion (3) trial time would be split evenly between Plaintiffs and Defendants (1.5 days each). Id.
- deadlines that will allow both parties to prepare for trial Legislative contrary to the spirit and intent of the New Mexico Rules of Civil Procedure. potential witnesses for a three-day trial. This amounts to trial by ambush and is completely proceedings their ability to meaningfully prepare for trial because Plaintiffs have chosen to identify over 119 Defendants invoke and parties before it, and request entry of an Order setting reasonable pre-trial Without an Order from the Court, the defendants in this case will be deprived of this Court's inherent authority to control and Accordingly, manage the

REQUIRING ADEQUATE DISCLOSURE OF TRIAL WITNESSES SUFFICIENTLY IN THE COURT SHOULD EXERCISE ITS INHERENT AUTHORITY TO CONTROL THE PROCEEDINGS AND ENTER AN EXPEDITED PRE-TRIAL ORDER ADVANCE OF THE TRIAL.

presumably required the parties accelerated schedule pursuant to the New Mexico Supreme Court's Order, the Court would have authority to manage the proceedings before it). Indeed, if this matter were not subject to an courtroom"); Belser v. O'Cleireachain, 2005-NMCA-073, ¶ 3 (discussing district court's inherent embraces the ability of a court to control its docket and the proceedings before it."); State v. Ngo. exercise authority that is essential to the court's fulfilling its judicial functions. docket and the parties accordingly. exhibit lists, allocation of trial time, etc Order pursuant to Rule 1-016(E) NMRA to address matters such as exchange of final witness and 2001-NMCA-041, The Court has the inherent authority to control the proceedings before it and to manage its _ 25 (recognizing judge's "inherent power to control his to attend a pretrial conference and prepare a proposed Pretrial See In re Jade G., 2001-NMCA-058, ¶ 27 This authority ("a court may or her own

party to develop a better understanding of how the opposing party intended to present their case standard pre-trial orders and deadlines) would provide adequate time and tools for the opposing preliminary witness list might not be so problematic, because the typical discovery period (and intend to present at trial nor what their testimony might consist of. leaves Legislative Defendants with no means of deciphering which individuals Plaintiffs actually to present even a sizeable fraction of that many witnesses at trial. is indisputable that Plaintiffs cannot call 119 witnesses at a three-day bench trial—nor is there time own presentations but also to prepare for witnesses who may be called by the opposing party. their counsel have a meaningful opportunity to prepare for trial, both in terms of readying their It is in the interests of all parties, the Court and the public to ensure that the parties and In a normal case, a very large Yet their massive witness list Ħ

address the problem without involving the Court Not so here. Yet Plaintiffs have rebuffed Legislative Defendants' efforts to reach an agreement to

CONCLUSION

order which: WHEREFORE the Legislative Defendants respectfully move the Court to enter a pre-trial

- exhibits they intend to introduce at trial which have not previously been included with the information and a brief summary of each witness's anticipated testimony and (b) any whom they intend to call at trial, ranked in order of priority and with each witness's contact (1) requires that, at least seven days before trial, the parties exchange (a) lists of witnesses written submissions to the Court;
- (2) excludes from trial any witness not listed on that pre-trial disclosure; and
- (3) splits the three-day trial time evenly between Plaintiffs and Defendants (1.5 days each).

Respectfully submitted,

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served by electronic means, as more fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing Certificate of Service, to be served and filed electronically through the Tyler Technologies Odyssey File & Serve electronic filing system, which caused all parties or counsel of record to be I hereby certify that on September 5, 2023 I caused the foregoing Motion, along with this

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Republican Party of New Mexico v. Oliver, et al., D-506-CV-2022-00041

Dear Mr. Harrison:

thirty-eight (38) individuals on Plaintiffs' witness list for whom there is no indication as to whether subpoenas, and other witnesses for whom Plaintiffs have thus far issued subpoenas, that still leaves trial." Even if we set aside the dozens of current and former legislators on Plaintiffs' Witness List who have asserted legislative privilege in response to Plaintiffs' document and/or deposition named witnesses whom Plaintiffs "may call . . . to testify via affidavit, at a deposition, and/or at later than October 1, 2023. On August 1, 2023, you filed Plaintiffs' Witness List identifying 119 As you know, this case is proceeding under a very tight timeline pursuant to the New Mexico Supreme Court's July 5, 2023 Order directing the district court to resolve this matter no Plaintiffs actually intend to present their testimony, nor what that testimony might consist of.

to present the testimony of that many individuals under the Court's Scheduling Order. Therefore substance of their testimony through written discovery—nor is there sufficient time for Plaintiffs closes on September 13, 2023) for Defendants to depose all those individuals or to obtain the we are asking Plaintiffs to identify which of the following individuals on Plaintiffs' Witness List anticipated testimony: present in this case, and to provide each such witness's contact information and a summary of their whose testimony (whether by affidavit, deposition or live testimony) Plaintiffs actually intend to Obviously, there is not anywhere close to sufficient time in our discovery period (which

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Please provide the requested information no later than August 22, 2023. Otherwise, Legislative Defendants will have no choice but to file a motion to exclude the testimony of these witnesses.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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RPNM v. Oliver, D-506-CV-2022-00041 (N.M. 5th Jud. Dist.) Response to Your August 16 Letter Regarding the Plaintiffs' Fact Witnesses

Dear Sara:

034(B)). See Rule 1-026(B)(3) NMRA ("Parties may obtain discovery of . . . the subject matter obligations, and with obligations imposed by the Scheduling Order. information" (emphases added)). We have and will continue to comply with our discovery discover the name, address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable of the witness's expected testimony and the substance of the witness's testimony[, and] may also respond to (or less, if you move for that and the Court orders it pursuant to Rule 1-033(C)(3) or information is through discovery, i.e., RFPs and/or interrogatories, which we have 30 days to if an opposing party wants the additional information you are now seeking, its entitlement to that regarding our witnesses. I should note first that we complied fully with the Scheduling Order, and I'm writing in response to your August 16 letter asking us to provide additional information

testimony. I am sure you understand that we do not want to be making unrequited disclosures and 'may-call' list that summarizes the subject matter and substance of the witness's expected good cause; and (2) by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, each party will disclose a 'will-call' and any subsequent additions to the list being supported by a specific explanation amounting to party is unsure whether it will depose, the contingencies affecting the uncertainty briefly described, (1) by Monday, August 28, each party will disclose the names of all individuals whose depositions large number of affidavits. To that end, I am willing to enter a discovery stipulation providing that toward depositions and trial testimony, since there clearly are no temporal barriers to presenting a testimony of that many individuals under the Court's Scheduling Order" appears to be geared have not yet been noticed whom the party intends to depose, and, for any witnesses whom the Further, your statement that "nor is there sufficient time for Plaintiffs to present the

EXHIBIT B

Ms. Sara Sanchez August 23, 2023 Page 2 of 2

obligations on us; we are offering them as a compromise in light of the fast-paced nature of this litigation. I will note, again, that neither of these proposed stipulations reflects pre-existing

Very truly yours,

HARRISON & HART, LLC

Carter B. Harrison IV

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Enclosure:

Proposed Rule 1-029(B) Stipulation

cc: All Counsel

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LEA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO, DAVID GALLEGOS, TIMOTHY JENNINGS, DINAH VARGAS, MANUEL GONZALES, JR., BOBBY and DEANN KIMBRO, and PEARL GARCIA,

Plaintiffs.

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Defendants.

DISCOVERY STIPULATIONS REGARDING WITNESSES

requirements: future parties to this litigation, shall be bound to comply with the following two disclosure Pursuant to Rule 1-029(B) NMRA, all parties stipulate and agree that they, along with any

depositions have not yet been noticed and whom the party intends to depose. :-By Monday, August 28, each party will disclose the names of all individuals whose For any witnesses

¹ For purposes of these Stipulations, a 'party' is a group of co-plaintiffs or -defendants represented by joint counsel and presenting their case at trial jointly, *i.e.*, the Plaintiffs, the Legislative Defendants, and the Executive Defendants are each one party for these purposes. *Cf.* Rule 1-088.1(A)(1)-(5) NMRA.

individual(s) not on the list) must be made as soon as possible and be supported by a specific exclusion. for non-appearance at a deposition, but may be grounds for other discovery sanctions, including explanation amounting to good cause; an alleged violation of this provision shall not be grounds be briefly described. whom the party is unsure whether it will depose, the contingencies affecting the uncertainty shall Any subsequent additions to the list (i.e., the deposition(s) of any

'may-call' testimony. 5 list that summarizes the subject matter and substance of the witness's expected By 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, each party will disclose a 'will-call' and

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on this __th day of August 2023, I submitted the foregoing Stipulations electronically via the Court's Odyssey filing system, and when doing so I selected the option for automated electronic service of the certified document, which will occur on the date the clerk's office formally files the document.

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substantial portion of its listed witnesses in the time the Court has allotted will be calling. It's plain as day that there is nowhere near enough time for Plaintiffs to call even a it would still leave Defendants in the dark until the day before trial as to which witnesses Plaintiffs refused to do so and instead proposed a "stipulation" which does not address the problem because their listed 119+ witnesses they actually intend to present at the 3-day trial in September. Plaintiffs I'm writing to follow up on my letter to you of August 16, 2023, asking Plaintiffs to identify which of

the same time, the parties will exchange lists of exhibits they intend to introduce at trial (if not close of business tomorrow (Friday, September 1) if Plaintiffs agree to the following: (1) nine days and (3) trial time will be split evenly between Plaintiffs and Defendants (1.5 days each). already included in the parties' Annotated Findings and Conclusions submitted on September 15); trial, ranked in order of priority, with a brief summary of each witness's anticipated testimony; (2) at before trial, on September 18, 2023, the parties will exchange lists of witnesses they intend to call at We'd like to avoid having to involve the Court in yet another pre-trial issue, so please let us know by

Court on this issue We hope Plaintiffs will agree to this common sense proposal so that we will not have to engage the

Thank you,

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Good Afternoon,

Attached is Mr. Harrison's letter, along with the referenced Proposed Rule 1-029(B) Stipulation.

Thank you, Amanda

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