

February 6, 2019

The Honorable George C. Hanks, Jr. United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas United States Courthouse 601 Rosenberg, Sixth Floor Galveston, Texas 77550

Re: *MOVE Texas Civic Fund et al. v. Whitley et al.*; Case No. 3:19-cv-00041 Request for expedited preliminary injunction schedule.

Dear Judge Hanks:

We write on behalf of the Plaintiffs in the above-titled action. In conjunction with this letter, Plaintiffs will be filing a Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Plaintiffs request that the Court enter an expedited briefing schedule that will allow this Motion to be heard and decided before February 26, 2019. As set forth in the Motion and accompanying memorandum, individuals flagged for review pursuant to the Secretary of State's purge program outlined in Election Advisory No. 2019-02 (the "Advisory")—including duly registered voters—are being sent notices to which they must adequately respond within 30 days or they will be automatically removed from the rolls. Because counties, including Defendant counties, began implementing this purge program as soon as January 28, 2019, individuals who were mailed notices on that day are at risk of being removed from the rolls as early as February 27, 2019.

To assist the Court's consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion, Plaintiffs further request that the Court order Defendants to produce to Plaintiffs at least one week prior to any hearing scheduled on this Motion: (1) the Secretary of State's original list of flagged voters as described in the Advisory and any subsequent revised lists created by the Secretary of State's office; and (2) lists of all individuals who have been sent notices by Defendant counties.

Plaintiffs have not yet had an opportunity to confer with Defendants regarding this request for an expedited schedule and limited discovery. Summons for the originally named Defendants issued this same day and is being mailed to Plaintiffs' counsels' office. Therefore, Defendants' counsel have not yet appeared. Plaintiffs intend to diligently effectuate service on Defendants as soon as Plaintiffs receive the summons.

Respectfully,

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\*\* Pro hac vice application forthcoming† Admitted in Massachusetts, not D.C.; practice consistent with D.C. App. R. 49(c)(3).