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STATE OF MINNESOTA
SPECIAL REDISTRICTING PANEL

A21-0243
A21-0546

Peter S. Wattson, Joseph Mansky,
Nancy B. Greenwood, Mary E. Kupper,
Douglas W. Backstrom, and James E. Hougas, III,
individually and on behalf of all citizens and
voting residents of Minnesota similarly situated,
and League of Women Voters Minnesota,

Plaintiffs,

and

Paul Anderson, Ida Lano, Chuck Brusven,
Karen Lane, Joel Hineman, Carol Wegner,
and Daniel Schonhardt,

Plaintiff-Intervenors,

vs.

Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota;
and Kendra Olson, Carver County Elections and
Licensing Manager, individually and on behalf of all
Minnesota county chief election officers,

Defendants,

and

Frank Sachs, Dagny Heimisdottir, Michael Arulfo,
Tanwi Prigge, Jennifer Guertin, Garrison O'Keith
McMurtrey, Mara Lee Glubka, Jeffrey Strand,
Danielle Main, and Wayne Grimmer,

Plaintiffs,

and

Dr. Bruce Corrie, Shelly Diaz, Alberder Gillespie,
Xiongpao Lee, Abdirazak Mahboub, Aida Simon,
Beatriz Winters, Common Cause, OneMinnesota.org,
and Voices for Racial Justice,

Plaintiff-Intervenors,

vs.

Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota,

Defendant.

ORDER

Karen Saxe and 11 other Minnesota voters (the Saxe applicants) filed a request for leave to file a brief as amici curiae pursuant to Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 129.01. Plaintiff-intervenors Paul Anderson, et al., oppose the request.

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The request for leave to file a brief as amici curiae is granted.
2. The purpose of an amicus brief is to inform the court of facts or matters of law that may have escaped consideration, not to repeat or emphasize arguments already put forth by a party. *Hippert v. Ritchie*, No. A11-0152 (Minn. Special Redistricting Panel Nov. 29, 2011) (Minn. Chapter of Common Cause Amicus Curiae Order); 3 Eric J. Magnuson et al., *Minnesota Practice* § 129.3 at 747 (2018). The Saxe applicants purport to offer the panel expertise regarding computational redistricting that supplements the parties' submissions and the technology available to the panel.

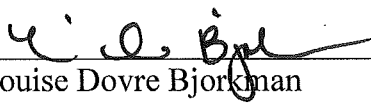
3. To serve that purpose, the amicus brief will be limited to describing how mathematical balancing of redistricting principles yields maps that best apply the panel's redistricting principles. The brief will not address any of the parties' proposed redistricting plans. The parties are not required to respond to the amicus brief, and the panel will not ascribe any adverse inference to any party that declines to respond.

4. The amicus brief must be served and filed by December 8, 2021.

5. Amici will not be permitted to participate in oral argument.

Dated: December 6, 2021

BY THE PANEL:



Louise Dovre Bjorkman
Presiding Judge

Judge Diane B. Bratvold
Judge Jay D. Carlson
Judge Juanita C. Freeman
Judge Jodi L. Williamson