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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,

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,

vs.

Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota,

Defendant.

SCHEDULING ORDER NO. 1

1. *Intervention.* On June 29, 2021, Paul Anderson and six other individuals (the Anderson applicants) filed and served a timely motion to intervene in this matter.¹ On July 15, 2021, Dr. Bruce Corrie, six other individuals, and three organizations (the Corrie applicants) filed and served a timely motion to intervene in this matter. Other persons wishing to intervene pursuant to Minn. R. Civ. P. 24 shall file and serve motions by Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The parties' responses to motions to intervene shall be due on Friday, August 13, 2021.

Parties and persons seeking leave to intervene may request oral argument on this issue. If requested, oral argument will be heard on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom 300 of the Minnesota Judicial Center. The panel will set the details of the argument at a later date.

2. *Remote Electronic Access to Records.* The decennial redistricting process is a matter of great public interest. The panel anticipates that all of the parties' submissions in this case will be accessible to the public. *See* Minn. R. Pub. Access to Recs. of Jud. Branch 2 (stating that court records are generally publicly accessible), 4, subd. 1 (listing exceptions). They will, therefore, be available for remote access. Minn. R. Pub. Access to Recs. of Jud. Branch 8, subd. 2(g)(1), (h)(3). To facilitate that access, the panel intends

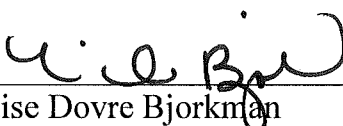
¹ On March 15, 2021, the Anderson applicants filed a notice of intervention and a complaint in intervention in the action the Wattson plaintiffs initiated in Carver County District Court. One week later, the matter was stayed by order of Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Gildea. In their June 29 motion, the Anderson applicants request confirmation of their intervention or, in the alternative, to intervene. We construe the Anderson applicants' submissions as timely motions to intervene.

to make the parties' submissions available to the public on the Minnesota Judicial Branch's public website, www.mncourts.gov. Any party or movant who wishes to be heard on the issue of remote access to the parties' submissions shall request oral argument in writing no later than Wednesday, August 4, 2021. *See id.*, subd. 2(i) (providing for remote access by order after notice and an opportunity to be heard). If requested, oral argument on this issue will be held in conjunction with oral argument on the issue of intervention.

3. *Public Hearings.* The panel wishes to gather information about Minnesota communities from Minnesota citizens. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide the panel with facts, opinions, or concerns that may inform the redistricting process. To foster robust and diverse input, we intend to hold a series of public hearings in person around the state between October 11, 2021 and October 20, 2021. Hearings will take place during evening hours to minimize work conflicts for those interested in participating. We will monitor public-health guidance and limit hearing attendance or change to a virtual format if necessary. We will set the locations and schedule for the hearings at a later date.

Dated: July 22, 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