IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Black Political Empowerment : Project, POWER Interfaith, Make the : Road Pennsylvania, OnePA Activists : United, New PA Project Education : Fund, Casa San José, Pittsburgh : United, League of Women Voters of : Pennsylvania, and Common Cause : Pennsylvania, :

Petitioners

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v. :

Al Schmidt, in his official capacity as
Secretary of the Commonwealth,
Philadelphia County Board of
Elections, and Allegheny County

Board of Elections,

Respondents: No. 283 M.D. 2024

ORDER

NOW, June 10, 2024, upon consideration of the Application for Leave to Intervene and Memorandum of Law in Support of Application for Leave to Intervene filed by the Republican National Committee and the Republican Party of Pennsylvania (RNC and RPP), and the Application to Intervene filed by the Democratic National Committee and the Pennsylvania Democratic Party (DNC and PDP) (collectively, Applications to Intervene), and following a status conference during which all the parties agreed there is no objection to the proposed intervention, the Applications to Intervene are **GRANTED**.

The Prothonotary is directed to enter the RNC and RPP (collectively, Republican Party Intervenors) on the docket in this matter as Intervenor-Respondents, and the DNC and PDP (collectively, Democratic Party Intervenors) as Intervenor-Petitioners. The Prothonotary is further directed to docket Republican Party Intervenors' Preliminary Objections and attachments, which are attached as Exhibit A to their respective Application to Intervene. However, as discussed during the status conference, there will be no separate briefing on the Preliminary Objections.

The Court additionally notes that all the parties agreed that there are no outstanding questions of fact, nor factual stipulations required, and that this matter involves purely legal questions. All the parties agreed that disposing of this matter via cross-applications for summary relief was the most expeditious means of resolving the legal issues in dispute. Petitioners have further agreed to convert their Application for Special Relief in the Nature of a Preliminary Injunction to an application for summary relief in order to expedite this matter. Accordingly, the Court establishes the following schedule:

- Cross-applications for summary relief, and briefs in support thereof, shall be filed (4 copies) and served no later than Monday, June 24,
 2024. Republican Party Intervenors may address the claims raised in their Preliminary Objections in their respective application for summary relief and brief in support thereof.
- 2. Briefs in opposition to the cross-applications for summary relief shall be filed (4 copies) and served **no later than Monday, July 8, 2024**.
- 3. No reply briefs will be permitted.

4. Upon completion of the briefing on the cross-applications for summary relief, the Court will issue a separate order regarding submission of this matter on the briefs filed and/or the scheduling of oral argument, if necessary.

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