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> No. 21-51145 La Union del Pueblo Entero v. Harris Cty Repub USDC No. 5:21-CV-844 USDC No. 1:21-CV-780 USDC No. 5:21-CV-848 USDC No. 1:21-CV-786 USDC No. 5:21-CV-920 USDC No. 5:21-CV-1085 MOCRA

Dear Mr. Gore,

In light of the court order of December 7, 2021 granting the motion to expedite the above captioned appeal, please adhere to the following expedited briefing schedule.

- Appellants brief is due on 12/20/2021
- Appellees brief is due on 01/19/2022
- Appellants reply brief is due on 01/26/2022

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Sincerely,

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La Union del Pueblo Entero; Friendship-West Baptist Church; The Anti-Defamation League Austin, Southwest, and Texoma; Southwest Voter Registration Education Project; Texas Impact; Mexican American Bar Association of Texas; Texas Hispanics Organized for Political Education; JOLT Action; William C. Velasquez Institute; James Lewin; Fiel Houston, Incorporated; Mi Familia Vota; Marla Lopez; Paul Rutledge;

Plaintiffs - Appellees

v.

Gregory W. Abbott, in his official capacity as Govenor of Texas; Et al,

Defendants

Harris County Republican Party; Dalias County Republican Party; National Republican Senatorial Committee; National Republican Congressional Committee; Republican National Committee,

Movants Appellants

OCA-Greater Houston; League of Women Voters of Texas; REVUP-Texas; Texas Organizing Project; Workers Defense Action Fund;

Plaintiffs - Appellees

v.

Jose A. Esparza, in his official capacity as Deputy Secretary of the State of Texas; Et al,

Defendants

Harris County Republican Party; Dallas County Republican Party; National Republican Senatorial Committee; National Republican Congressional Committee; Republican National Committee,

Movants - Appellants

Houston Justice; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; Houston Area Urban League; Arc of Texas; Jeffrey Lamar Clemmons;

Plaintiffs - Appellees

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Defendants

Harris County Republican Party; Dallas County Republican Party; National Republican Senatorial Committee; National Republican Congressional Committee; Republican National Committee,

Movants - Appellants

LULAC Texas; Vote Latino; Texas Alliance for Retired Americans; Texas AFT;

Plaintiffs - Appellants

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Plaintiff

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State of Texas

Defendant

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