UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

CHRISTINE CONFORTI, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

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CHRISTINE GIORDANO HANLON, in her official capacity as Monmouth County Clerk, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action

Case No. 3:20-CV-08267-ZNQ-TJB

COURT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSAL AS TO INTERVENOR MIDDLESEX COUNTY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2), Intervenor-Defendant Middlesex County Democratic Organization ("MCDO") and Plaintiffs, agree as follows:

- 1. MCDO will no longer contest Plaintiffs' claims in this litigation.
- 2. MCDO will not intervene in any other litigation in federal or state court contesting the constitutionality of New Jersey's current ballot design statutes as addressed in the Opinion (ECF No. 194) and Order (ECF No. 195) issued by this Court in Kim v. Hanlon. Civ. A. No. 24-cv-1098.
- 3. The Plaintiffs will not pursue attorneys' fees and costs against the MCDO, although Plaintiffs reserve the right to do, and intend to do so, as against all remaining parties in the action, including pursuant to joint and several liability.

Based on the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed between Plaintiffs and the MCDO, and subject to the Court's approval below, that the MCDO's claims and defenses in this matter, including their answer and defenses (DE172) are dismissed with prejudice and without costs with regard to the MCDO.

For Plaintiffs:

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By: Brett M. Pugach

For MCDO:

McMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC

By: William W. Northgraye

The Court has reviewed and approves the foregoing stipulation, ORDERS the parties

hereto to comply with its terms, and retains jurisdiction to enforce its terms. It is so ORDERED.

12th day of September 2024.

The Honorable Zahid N. Quraishi, U.S.D.J.