

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NASSAU
HON. PAUL I. MARX, J.S.C.

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HAZEL COADS; STEPHANIE M. CHASE;
MARVIN AMAZAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

NASSAU COUNTY; the NASSAU COUNTY
LEGISLATURE; et al.,

Defendants.
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NEW YORK COMMUNITIES FOR CHANGE,
MARIA JORDAN AWALOM, et al.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

COUNTY OF NASSAU, THE NASSAU
COUNTY LEGISLATURE, et al.,

Defendants.
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ORDER
JOINING ACTIONS

Index No.:
611872/2023

ACTION I

Index No.:
602316/2024

ACTION II

These actions arise from challenges to the 2023 redistricting map for the Nassau County Legislature, which became effective on February 28, 2023.

Action #1 was commenced with the filing of a Summons and Complaint in Nassau County on July 26, 2023. Plaintiffs therein challenge, *inter alia*, the 2023 redistricting map for the Nassau County Legislature as favoring the Republican Party and disfavoring the Democratic Party in specified ways that violate Section 34 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law (“Home Rule Law”).

Action #2 was commenced by the filing of a Summons and Complaint in Nassau County on February 7, 2024. Plaintiffs in Action #2 allege that the 2023 redistricting map adopted by the

Nassau County Legislature was drawn with the intent to dilute the votes of Black, Latino, and Asian voters within Nassau County, and fails to comply with the redistricting requirements of Section 34 of the Home Rule Law. Plaintiffs therein also allege a violation of Election Law § 17-206[2].

Pursuant to CPLR §602(a), a court may make such orders concerning proceedings in actions pending before the court which involve a common question of law or fact as may tend to avoid unnecessary costs or delay. Actions #1 and #2 arise from common questions of law or fact and involve some of the same parties. Conducting joint discovery will reduce the parties' litigation expenses and avoid duplication of effort. All parties consented to the joinder, at least for purposes of conducting discovery, at a virtual conference jointly held in both actions on March 1, 2024.

Accordingly, the Court determines that the interests of judicial economy will be served by the joinder of Actions #1 and #2 for purposes of conducting discovery jointly in the actions. If later determined by the Court, the matters shall be tried jointly. The caption of the actions shall be conformed to the caption of this Order.

CONCLUSION

It is hereby ORDERED that Actions #1 and #2 are joined for purposes of conducting discovery; and it is further

ORDERED that the caption of the joined actions shall be conformed to the caption of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Nassau shall cause Action #1 to be joined with Action #2; and it is further

ORDERED that all parties in both Actions shall appear virtually for a compliance conference via Teams on **May 30, 2024, at a time to be set by the undersigned's Part Clerk.**

The Court will send out a Teams link.

The foregoing shall constitute the Order of the Court.

Dated: March 1, 2024
White Plains, New York

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HON. PAUL I. MARX, J.S.C.