IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

THE STATE OF NEVADA, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Petitioner,	No. 70795
vs. THE JUSTICE COURT OF LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP; AND THE HONORABLE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DEBORAH J. LIPPIS, Respondents, and MARIA ESCALANTE; AND RAMIRO FUNEZ, Real Parties in Interest.	SEP 09 2016 TRACIE K. LINDEMAN CLERK OF SUPREME COURT BY S. Young DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER DIRECTING ANSWER AND GRANTING STAY

This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges an order of the justice court denying a motion to reconsider an order dismissing a complaint. Having reviewed the petition, we have determined that an answer would assist the court in resolving the petition. Accordingly, the real parties in interest, on behalf of respondents, shall have 20 days from the date of this order to file an answer, including authorities, against issuance of the requested writ.

Petitioner has filed a motion to "stay proceedings pending this court's decision to direct an answer to the writ petition." Petitioner points out that the justice court entered a temporary stay of its proceedings pending this court's decision whether to direct an answer to the petition. Within the motion, petitioner requests that if this court directs an answer, that it stay the justice court proceedings pending a decision on the merits

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of the petition. Cause appearing, we grant the request and stay proceedings below pending further order of this court.

It is so ORDERED.

C.J.

Parraguirre

J.

Hardesty Pickering J.

The Honorable Deborah J. Lippis cc: Attorney General/Carson City Attorney General/Las Vegas McCracken, Stemerman & Holsberry Pitaro & Fumo, Chtd. Eighth District Court Clerk

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