#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

NATHANIEL HELTON, AN INDIVIDUAL,

Appellant,

VS.

NEVADA VOTERS FIRST PAC, A
NEVADA COMMITTEE FOR
POLICAL ACTION; TODD L. BICE, IN
HIS CAPACITY AS THE PRESIDENT
OF NEVADA VOTERS FIRST PAC;
AND BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE, IN
HER CAPACITY AS NEVADA
SECRETARY OF STATE,

Respondents,

Case No. 84110

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MOTION TO CLARIFY APPELLANT'S NRAP 26.1 DISCLOSURE

NRAP 26.1 requires litigants to make certain disclosures so that judges and justices of this Court may know the identity of who is actually litigating the matter and to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal. Appellant Nathaniel Helton's ("Helton") NRAP 26.1 disclosure filed on March 1, 2022, asserts that there are no persons or entities that he needs to disclose. It is Helton, and Helton alone. Similarly, on April 15, 2022, Helton filed a reply brief without any changes to his disclosures.

However, Respondents Nevada Voters First PAC and its president, Todd L. Bice (collectively "Voters First") have reason to question the accuracy of Helton's

representations to this Court and the legality of his participation in campaign-related activities against the Initiative under Nevada law, including recent campaign efforts seeking to oppose the signature-gathering process. It seems highly unlikely to be a coincidence that just three days after Helton's Rule 26.1 disclosure, on March 4, 2022, a committee for political action was formed called Protect Your Vote Nevada, with Helton's counsel of record designated as its registered agent. (Ex. A hereto.) This newly-registered PAC — one conveniently formed right after the timing of disclosure requirements — has been actively campaigning against the Initiative, including with recent mailers, and yet has made no financial disclosures under Nevada law. (Ex. B hereto.)

There is substantial cause to question Helton's disclosure to this Court. After all, this litigation has been ongoing long before the formation of any PAC as Nevada law requires. Is Helton seriously representing to this Court that he is the one funding this litigation and paying for his counsel, including his Washington, D.C. attorneys? Or, is Helton serving as a front for others who are really the sponsors funding this litigation, but who want to conceal their involvement from this Court and the public?

Courts have required disclosure in similar circumstances. See, e.g., Nunes v. Lizza, No. 20-CV-4003-CJW, 2021 WL 7186264 (N.D. Iowa Oct. 26, 2021)

Screenshot of financial disclosures with Secretary of State as of today, May 25, 2022.

(allowing discovery and requiring party to make Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1 disclosures about the identity of the real party in interest and who was funding litigation to determine role of "wealthy private donors" who may have been a "mere surrogate" for Congressman Devin Nunes).

Therefore, Respondents respectfully request that the Court command Appellant to make a more complete NRAP 26.1 disclosure.

DATED this 25th day of May, 2022.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am an employee of Pisanelli Bice PLLC, and that on the 25th day of May, 2022, I electronically filed and served by electronic mail a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing MOTION TO CLARIFY

#### **APPELLANT'S NRAP 26.1 DISCLOSURE to:**

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