

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE, IN HER
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS NEVADA
SECRETARY OF STATE,

Appellant,

vs.

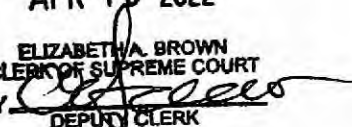
ROBERT HOLLOWOOD, AN
INDIVIDUAL; KENNETH BELKNAP,
AN INDIVIDUAL; NEVADANS FOR
FAIR GAMING TAXES PAC, A
NEVADA COMMITTEE FOR
POLITICAL ACTION; FUND OUR
SCHOOLS PAC, A NEVADA
COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL
ACTION; NEVADA RESORT
ASSOCIATION, A NEVADA NON-
PROFIT CORPORATION; GREATER
LAS VEGAS CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, D/B/A VEGAS
CHAMBER, A NEVADA NON-PROFIT
CORPORATION,

Respondents.

No. 84420

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ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION TO EXPEDITE APPEAL

This appeal involves an initiative petition to amend a state statute. The parties have filed a stipulation to expedite the briefing schedule and the resolution of this appeal.

Respondents Robert Hollowood and Kenneth Balknap, on behalf of respondents Nevadans for Fair Gaming Taxes PAC and Fund Our Schools PAC, respectively, submitted and filed with the Nevada Secretary of State's office statutory initiative petitions S-01-2020 and S-02-2020.

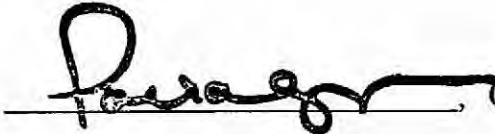
Hollowood filed a petition withdrawal form, pursuant to NRS 295.026, to withdraw S-01-2020. The Nevada Attorney General issued an opinion, 2021-04, stating that in the opinion of the Attorney General's office, there was no conflict preventing withdrawal of initiative petitions by proponents. Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske issued a letter to the Nevada Attorney General, indicating that her office would decline the petition to withdraw the statutory initiative petition, and would place the initiative on the 2022 general election ballot. Belknap subsequently also submitted a petition withdrawal form, to withdraw S-02-2020. Respondents filed a petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition in the district court, which the district court granted, mandating Secretary Cegavske to withdraw S-01-2020 and S-02-2020, and prohibiting Secretary Cegavske from placing S-01-2020 and S-02-2020 on the 2022 general election ballot. Secretary Cegavske appeals that decision.

In support of the stipulation, the parties argue that the deadline for statewide measures to be submitted to the county clerks is August 1, 2022, *see* NRS 293.253(2), and in order for the Secretary of State to have sufficient time to determine language for and format ballots in time for the printing and mailing of ballots, the appeal must be expedited. The parties stipulate that the appeal should have a truncated briefing schedule pursuant to NRAP 26(d) and have provided a proposed schedule. They also request that any argument should be held in early May, and request a determination from the court by June 1, 2022, or as soon as is practicable.

Appellant's opening brief was filed on April 5, 2022. Respondents filed their answering briefs on April 15, 2022. Accordingly, the motion is granted to the following extent. NRAP 2. Appellant's reply brief, if any, is due by April 22, 2022. Requests for extensions of time will

not be granted absent demonstration of the most extraordinary circumstances and extreme need. Disposition of this appeal will be expedited to the extent permitted by this court's docket.

It is so ORDERED.

 C.J.

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