IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY 2024 NOV -5 PM 2: 23 STATE OF GEORGIA

TIANA P. GARNER, CLERK

In Re: Petition of Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections November 5, 2024 General Election

NO: 24-AA-**0141**

PETITION TO EXTEND CLOSING TIME FOR PRECINCT NOs 52 and 112, DESIGNATED AS MOUNTAIN PARK ACTIVITY BUILDING LOCATED AT 1063 ROCKBRIDGE ROAD, STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

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The Gwinnett County Board of Registration and Elections. (hereinafter "the Board") hereby petitions this Court to extend the closing time of the polls for two due to a disruption in voting to the voters in the circumstances described as follows:

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Voting at Precinct Nos: 52 and 112 designated as Mountain Park Activity Building located at 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain in Gwinnett County, Georgia was delayed for 58 minutes. The polling place opened on time at 7:00 A.M., however at 12:30 P.M. the precincts were evacuated due to a bomb threat. After law enforcement cleared the building, voting resumed at 1:28 P.M.

2.

The Board, through its Elections Supervisor, requests that this Court grant this petition and issue an order to extend the hours of polling at Precinct Nos: 52 and 112, designated as Mountain Park Activity Building located at 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, Gwinnett County, Georgia by **58 minutes**, which is the amount of time during which voting was delayed after the polls opened so that voters at Precinct Nos: 52 and 112, designated as Mountain Park Activity Building will have their statutory twelve hours during which they may cast ballots.

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Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 21-2-403 provides that at all primaries and elections, polls shall be opened at 7:00 A.M. and shall remain open until 7:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time whichever is applicable.

Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 21-2-412 provides that this Court shall issue process, if necessary to enforce and secure compliance with primary and election laws and shall decide such other matters pertaining to the primary and election as may be necessary.

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Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 21-2-418(d) also provides that the provisional ballots voted during this period shall be separated and held apart from other provisional ballots cast by electors during normal voting hours.

Wherefore, the Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections, through its Elections Supervisor, requests that this Court issue an order extending the hours of closing the poll at Gwinnett County Precincts as follows:

Precinct Nos: 52 and 112 designated as Mountain Park Activity Center located at 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

This request is made in order that the designated polling place may compensate for the disruption in voting of the indicated polling place.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of November 2024.

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