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Re: Cause No. D-1-GN-20-005550; *The Anti-Defamation League Austin, Southwest, and Texoma Regions, et al v. Greg Abbott, in his official capacity as the Governor of Texas*; in the 353rd Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas

Dear Counsel:

Having considered the pleadings, evidence, arguments, and authorities, I make the following determinations:

- (1) Defendant Greg Abbott's Plea to the Jurisdiction is DENIED;
- (2) Defendant Ruth Hughes' Plea to the Jurisdiction is DENIED;
- (3) Plaintiffs' Application for Temporary Injunction is GRANTED, enjoining Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those in active concert or participation with them from implementing or enforcing the following paragraph on page 3 of the October 1 Proclamation:

“(1) the voter delivers the marked mail ballot at a single early voting clerk's office location that is publicly designated by the early voting clerk for the return of marked mail ballots under Section 88.006(a-1) and this suspension, “

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The limitation to a single drop-off location for mail ballots would likely needlessly and unreasonably increase risks of exposure to COVID-19 infections, and needlessly and unreasonably substantially burden potential voters' constitutionally protected rights to vote, as a consequence of increased travel and delays, among other things.

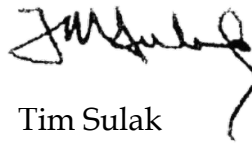
(4) No bond is required.

(5) Plaintiffs' Application for a Permanent Injunction is set for hearing on November 9, 2020, unless the parties and the Court find a mutually agreeable alternate date.

I request that Plaintiffs' counsel draft, circulate, and submit Orders in conformity with these determinations and Rule 683, for my signature and filing with the Clerk.

Thank you for your patience, preparation, presentation, and professionalism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Sulak", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Tim Sulak

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Orig: Ms. Velva L. Price, District Clerk