

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
A12-0920



League of Women Voters Minnesota;
Common Cause, a District of Columbia
nonprofit corporation; Jewish Community
Action; Gabriel Herbers; Shannon Doty;
Gretchen Nickence; John Harper Ritten; and
Kathryn Ibur,

Petitioners,

vs.

Mark Ritchie, in his capacity as Secretary of
State of the State of Minnesota, and not in his
individual capacity,

Respondent.

O R D E R

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The requests of the City of Saint Paul, Citizens for Election Integrity—Minnesota, AARP, and the St. Paul Branch of the NAACP to serve and file briefs as amici curiae in the above-entitled matter in support of petitioners be, and the same are, granted. Because of the expedited briefing schedule established for this matter, said briefs shall be served and filed no later than noon on Monday, June 18, 2012, but otherwise in accordance with Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 129 and 132.

2. The request of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office to serve and file a brief as an *amicus curiae* in the above-entitled matter be, and the same is, granted. Because of the expedited briefing schedule established for this matter, and because the application of Hennepin County Attorney's Office was filed solely for the stated purpose of advising the court of the process and deadlines for producing ballots to be used in the 2012 general election, said brief shall be filed and served no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 25, 2012.

3. Service and filing of amici briefs by regular mail is permissible if a complete copy of the material is also transmitted by e-mail to all parties and to the Clerk of Appellate Courts by the deadlines established herein. The e-mail address for the Clerk of Appellate Courts is mjcappellateclerkofcourt@courts.state.mn.us. Counsel for the amici shall provide the clerk of appellate courts with an e-mail address to which the clerk may transmit any further notices, orders, or decisions of the court. Amici will not be permitted to participate in oral argument.

All amici are reminded that the principle espoused in Rule 37(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States is applicable in this court as well:

An amicus curiae brief that brings to the attention of the Court relevant matter not already brought to its attention by the parties may be of considerable help to the Court. An *amicus curiae* brief that does not serve this purpose burdens the Court, and its filing is not favored.

Amici are therefore encouraged to coordinate their efforts to avoid redundant briefing.

Dated: June 11, 2012

BY THE COURT:

/s/

Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice