## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## SPECIAL REDISTRICTING PANEL

A11-152

OFFICE OF APPELLATE COURTS

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ORDER ON UNTIMELY PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Sara Hippert, Dave Greer, Linda Markowitz, Dee Dee Larson, Ben Maas, Gregg Peppin, Randy Penrod and Charles Roulet, individually and on behalf of all citizens and voting residents of Minnesota similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

and

Kenneth Martin, Lynn Wilson, Timothy O'Brien, Irene Peralez, Josie Johnson, Jane Krentz, Mark Altenburg, and Debra Hasskamp, individually and on behalf of all citizens of Minnesota similarly situated,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

and

Audrey Britton, David Bly, Cary Coop, and John McIntosh, individually and on behalf of all citizens of Minnesota similarly situated,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

VS.

Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State of Minnesota; and Robert Hiivala, Wright County Auditor, individually and on behalf of all Minnesota county chief election officers,

Defendants.

## ORDER

By its order of September 13, 2011, the Special Redistricting Panel (the panel) scheduled a series of public hearings at which members of the public could provide the panel with facts, opinions, or concerns that may inform the redistricting process, including input about communities of interest that should be identified and preserved. *Hippert v. Ritchie*, No. A11-152 (Minn. Special Redistricting Panel Sept. 13, 2011) (Amended Order Setting Public Hearing Schedule). The panel also invited members of the public to make written submissions via United States Mail or e-mail on or before October 21, 2011. *Id.* Several written statements have been submitted to the panel after the October 21, 2011 deadline. These untimely public submissions shall be placed in a sealed file and will not be considered by the panel in the redistricting process.

Dated:

December 13, 2011

BY THE PANEL:

Wilhelmina M. Wright

Presiding Judge