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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

| ADA COUNTY, a duly formed and existing<br>county pursuant to the laws and Constitution<br>of the State of Idaho,   | Supreme Court Docket<br>No. 49267-2021   |
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| Petitioner,<br>v.<br>IDAHO COMMISSION FOR<br>REAPPORTIONMENT, and LAWRENCE<br>DENNEY, Secretary of State of the State of<br>Idaho, in his official capacity, | CITY OF EAGLE'S MOTION FOR<br>LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE<br>BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ADA COUNTY'S<br>PETITION CHALLENGING THE<br>CONSITUTIONALITY OF<br>REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN L03 |
| Respondents.   |  |

The CITY OF EAGLE, IDAHO ("Eagle"), through its attorney of record, Victor Villegas of the firm Borton-Lakey Law Offices, pursuant to Idaho Appellate Rule 8, moves for leave to file an amicus curiae brief in support of Ada County's Petition Challenging the Constitutionality of Reapportionment Plan L03.

#### STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Eagle desires to submit an amicus brief in support of Ada County's Petition because it is similarly situated as a political subdivision in the State of Idaho that will be affected by Reapportionment Plan L03. Eagle's interest is similar to Ada County's in that both political subdivisions are interested in minimizing disruption and confusion, and in continuing cohesive development in similarly-situated areas. While Eagle has similar interests to Ada County, it also has specific and unique interests in the outcome of this matter. The privilege of being heard amicus rests within the broad discretion of the court, which may grant, or refuse leave accordingly if it deems the proffered information timely, useful, or otherwise helpful. *Hoptowit v. Ray*, 682 F.2d 1237, 1260 (9th Cir. 1982); *Green v. United States*, 996 F.2d 973, 978 (9th Cir. 1993). Eagle submits this motion in the interest of presenting such information that will show its own unique issues and drawbacks that would come from implementing Reapportionment Plan L03.

Currently, Eagle is in a District that encompasses part of the City of Star. Eagle is interested in preserving the current split because the City of Star and Eagle have similar Comprehensive Plans that work together to see future development in their portion of Ada County. The values of the local governments and its citizens align with the vision of the two cities. The proposed redistricting places Eagle in a District with portions of Gem County. This presents a unique problem for Eagle because the City of Emmett and portions of Gem County are very agricultural, and the Comprehensive Plans in that area focus on farmland and agricultural preservation. The values of the local governments and citizens do not align and redistricting in the proposed manner would likely stifle Eagle's development interests. Eagle moves to submit a brief that will outline its specific interests in preserving the current districting and will show that

redistricting as proposed would be a detriment to its local elected officials, and its voters and taxpayers.

# **LEAVE SOUGHT FOR BRIEFING ONLY**

Eagle moves only to submit a written brief and does not request to be heard in oral argument.

DATED this  $\underline{14}$  day of December, 2021.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the  $\underline{12}$  day of, December, 2021, a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing instrument was served upon:

| Jan M. Bennetts<br>Ada County Prosecuting Attorney<br>200 W. Front Street, Rm 3191<br>Boise, ID 83702<br><u>civilpafiles@adaweb.net</u> | <ul> <li>U.S. Mail</li> <li>Facsimile</li> <li>Hand Delivery</li> <li>E-filing/Email</li> </ul> |
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| Idaho Commission for Reapportionment<br>P.O. Box 83720<br>Boise, ID 83720<br><u>redistricting@redistricting.idaho.gov</u>               | <ul> <li>U.S. Mail</li> <li>Facsimile</li> <li>Hand Delivery</li> <li>E-filing/Email</li> </ul> |
| Lawerence Denney<br>Idaho Secretary of State<br>450 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Boise, ID 83702<br><u>elections@sos.idaho.gov</u>      | <ul> <li>U.S. Mail</li> <li>Facsimile</li> <li>Hand Delivery</li> <li>E-filing/Email</li> </ul> |
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