

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BLACK VOTERS MATTER CAPACITY
BUILDING INSTITUTE, INC., *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 2022-CA-000666

v.

CORD BYRD, in his official capacity as
Florida Secretary of State, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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**DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
RESPOND TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO STRIKE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Defendants respectfully move for a nine-day extension of time through May 5, 2023, to respond to Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike Affirmative Defenses, dated April 14, 2023.

Plaintiffs do not oppose the requested relief.

1. On April 14, 2023, Plaintiffs moved to strike certain affirmative defenses asserted by Defendants. The motion asserts that the public-official standing doctrine bars those defenses.

2. Under this Court's procedures, responses to the motion are due on April 26, 2023.

3. A brief extension of time through May 5, 2023, will accommodate the other client commitments of Defendants' counsel and enable Defendants fully to evaluate Plaintiffs' motion and to prepare a response that properly assists the Court in its resolution of this matter.

4. This request is not sought for purposes of delay and will not prejudice any party. Plaintiffs do not oppose the requested relief.

5. A proposed order is attached to this motion. All parties have reviewed and approved the form of this proposed order.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully move for a nine-day extension of time through May 5, 2023, to respond to Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike Affirmative Defenses, dated April 14, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

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**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO STRIKE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

This matter came before the Court on Defendants' Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike Affirmative Defenses, dated April 20, 2023. The Motion is **GRANTED**. Defendants' deadline to respond to Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike Affirmative Defenses, dated April 14, 2023, is extended from April 26, 2023, to May 5, 2023.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this ____ day of April 2023.

J. LEE MARSH, CIRCUIT JUDGE

cc: Counsel of Record