

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

KEVIN MEYER *et al.*,

Petitioners,

v.

ARCTIC VILLAGE COUNCIL *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. S-17902

Superior Court Case No. 3AN-20-07858 CI
Hon. Dani Crosby, Superior Court Judge

**RESPONSE TO PETITIONERS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR EXPEDITED
DECISION ON THE STATE'S PETITION FOR REVIEW**

Respondents Arctic Village Council, League of Women Voters of Alaska, Elizabeth L. Jones, and Barbara Clark respectfully submit this Response to Petitioners' Emergency Motion for Expedited Decision on the State's Petition for Review. While Respondents agree with Petitioners that expedited consideration of the Petition for Review is necessary, it is simply not feasible for Respondents to file their Opposition to the Petition for Review by 4:30 p.m. today, October 7.

Petitioners filed 260 pages of material with the Court at 1:16 p.m. yesterday, October 6, simultaneously serving it on Respondents. This filing included Petitioners' Petition for Review, as well as an Emergency Motion for Expedited Decision and a Motion to Accept Over Length Petition for Review. Petitioners additionally filed an Emergency Motion to Stay Pending Petition for Review with this Court at 4:21 p.m. yesterday, October 6, and, simultaneously, an Emergency Motion to Stay the Court's Injunction and a concurrent Motion for Expedited Consideration of the Motion to Stay the Court's Injunction with the superior court.

There are currently six different motions pending in two different courts, all filed by Petitioners. In light of Petitioners' numerous simultaneous filings in addition to their Petition, it is simply not possible for Respondents to meaningfully respond to the Petition for Review by 4:30 p.m. today, October 7, and respond to Petitioners' other motions in a timely manner. The Petition for Review is also twenty-six pages long, eleven pages longer than allowed under the Alaska Rule of Appellate Procedure 403(b)(2)(A). This is another reason Respondents cannot respond by 4:30 p.m. today, October 7. Respondents should be allowed adequate time to respond, especially in such an important case.

Accordingly, Respondents respectfully request leave to file their Opposition by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, by email. Respondents will file hard copies of their Opposition with the Court the following morning if so directed. Respondents agree with Petitioners' request for the Court to decide the Petition for Review by close of business on Monday, October 12. Respondents respectfully request oral argument on the Petition for Review to be scheduled at the Court's convenience on either Friday, October 9, or Monday October 12.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 7th day of October 2020.

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