

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN
CITIZENS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GREG ABBOTT, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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Case No. 3:21-cv-00259
[Lead Case]

ROY CHARLES BROOKS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GREG ABBOTT, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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Case No. 1:21-cv-00991
[Consolidated Case]

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION

For the reasons explained in their Response to the Brooks Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction Hearing, *see* ECF 52, Defendants respectfully request an extension on their deadline to respond to Plaintiffs' preliminary-injunction motion. *See* ECF 39. Specifically, Defendants request:

- (1) That Defendants' obligation to respond to Plaintiffs' motion be held in abeyance, and that, at the December 7 status conference, the Court establish a uniform schedule for discovery, briefing, and argument on the Brooks Plaintiffs' motion, as well as any other forthcoming preliminary-injunction motions; or in the alternative;
- (2) That Defendants' deadline to respond to Plaintiffs' motion be extended from December 8, 2021 to December 22.

Date: December 1, 2021

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that I attempted to confer with opposing counsel with respect to this motion shortly before filing. I was unable to reach opposing counsel. It can be assumed that the Brooks Plaintiffs oppose this motion because they have also filed a motion for expedited consideration, which is directly inconsistent with the relief Defendants seek here.

/s/ Patrick K. Sweeten
PATRICK K. SWEETEN

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) on December 1, and that all counsel of record were served by CM/ECF.

/s/ Patrick K. Sweeten
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ORDER

Before the Court is Defendants’ Motion for Extension. ECF 53. The Court has considered the motion and is of the opinion that it should be GRANTED.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendants’ Motion for Extension is GRANTED. Their obligation to respond to the Brooks Plaintiffs’ Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, ECF 39, is HELD IN ABEYANCE until the Court issues a subsequent scheduling order on the instant preliminary-injunction motion, and any other similar motions.

DATE: _____

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
On behalf of the Three-Judge Panel