

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
GALVESTON DIVISION**

DICKINSON BAY AREA BRANCH §
NAACP, et al., §
§
Plaintiffs, §
§
v. § Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-117- JVB
§
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, et al., §
§
Defendants. §

TERRY PETTEWAY, et al., §
§
Plaintiffs, §
§
v. § Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-57-JVB
§ [Lead Consolidated Case]
§
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, et al., §
§
Defendants. §

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, §
§
Plaintiff, §
§
v. § Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-93-JVB
§
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, et al., §
§
Defendants. §

JOINT MOTION TO CLARIFY TIME ALLOTTED FOR TRIAL

NOW COME the consolidated Plaintiffs and Defendants, jointly, to respectfully request for clarification of the Second Amended Docket-Control Order (“the DCO”), Doc. 155.

In April 2022, the Court issued a DCO setting trial to begin August 7, 2023, without specifying the length of trial. The parties respectfully request clarification as to trial time that will be allotted. Consolidated Plaintiffs and Defendants previously requested 40 hours for each side to present their evidence and still currently estimate that 40 hours per side is necessary and sufficient to present their cases (Doc. 61 ¶ 20).¹

If granted, the request for clarification as to trial time would further judicial economy by allowing the parties to plan an orderly presentation of evidence at trial. This request would also allow the parties to more accurately prepare for trial, both in substance and in terms of logistics. This is especially helpful given the number of attorneys appearing in this matter from out of state, and thus requiring accommodation, as well as for coordinating schedules for local and out of town witnesses, to promote efficient use of the courts time.

The parties would be happy to provide any additional information that may be of assistance in the Court’s consideration of this Motion.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of June, 2023.

¹ However, the Parties understand that the Court may order the time it deems appropriate, and merely seek clarification of the time this Court will allot for trial in this matter as necessary to accommodate the August 7, 2023 start date set by the Court.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 16, 2023, the foregoing document, its appendix, and its exhibits were filed electronically (via CM/ECF), and that all counsel of record were served by CM/ECF.

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