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IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

BENJAMIN N. NAGEAK,

Appellant,

vs.

LT. GOVERNOR BYRON MALLOT, in his official capacity as Lt. Governor for the State of Alaska, and JOSEPHINE BAHNKE, in her official capacity as Director of the Division of Elections,

Appellees.

Supreme Court No. S-16462

LIMITED OPPOSITION TO APPELLEES' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR STAY AND/OR REFERRAL TO THE SUPERIOR COURT

COMES NOW Appellant Benjamin N. Nageak by and through his attorneys,

Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, P.C. and hereby submits his limited opposition to

Appellees' Emergency Motion for Stay and/or Referral to the Superior Court.

Appellant is in agreement that the parties do require an expedited decision to

provide an orderly framework for litigating the election cases set forth in this matter and

the underlying Superior Court matter, Appellant contends that one of the remedies

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Appellant joins in the request that this Court either (1) stay this recount appeal pending a superior court decision in the underlying Superior Court election contest matter, and then consolidate this case with any resulting appeal or (2) instruct the parties on how to litigate these two matters in the most judicially efficient matter.

Dated this <u>19</u>² day of September, 2016, at Anchorage, Alaska.

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¹ Pursuant to AS 15.20.510, original jurisdiction to hear the recount appeal lies with the Supreme Court.

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