

In the Supreme Court of the United States

GREG ABBOTT, in his official capacity as Governor of Texas; ROLANDO PABLOS,
in his official capacity as Texas Secretary of State; and the STATE OF TEXAS,
Applicants,

v.

SHANNON PEREZ, et al.,
Respondents.

APPELLANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO EXCEED WORD LIMITS IN APPELLANTS' BRIEFS ON THE MERITS

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO EXCEED WORD LIMITS
IN APPELLANTS' BRIEFS ON THE MERITS**

For the reasons stated below, Appellants Greg Abbott, Rolando Pablos, and the State of Texas respectfully move for leave to file a brief on the merits in excess of the word limit set forth in Supreme Court Rule 33.1(g)(vi), not to exceed 18,000 words, and a reply brief on the merits in excess of the word limit set forth in Supreme Court Rule 33.1(g)(vii), not to exceed 8,000 words.

1. Appellants filed their jurisdictional statement in No. 17-586 on October 17, 2017. Appellees Eddie Rodriguez, et al., filed a motion to dismiss or affirm on November 20, 2017.

2. Appellants filed their jurisdictional statement in No. 17-626 on October 27, 2017. Appellees Mexican American Legislative Caucus, et al., and Appellee Texas Latino Redistricting Task Force filed motions to dismiss or affirm on November 29, 2017.

3. On January 12, 2018, the Court entered an order consolidating Nos. 17-586 and 17-626, allotting a total of one hour for oral argument, and postponing further consideration of the question of jurisdiction to the hearing of the case on the merits.

4. Although these consolidated appeals arise out of two distinct (and lengthy) opinions, and involve two distinct districting maps, Appellants intend to file a single brief on the merits and a single reply brief on the merits in the consolidated appeals.

5. Appellees, by contrast, intend to file two separate response briefs, one dedicated solely to the congressional maps and one dedicated solely to the House maps, with a combined total of up to 30,000 words.

6. Because Appellants will be addressing in a single consolidated opening brief two appeals arising out of separate decisions and involving different maps, Appellants respectfully move for leave to file a brief on the merits in excess of the 15,000-word limit imposed by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(g)(v), not to exceed 18,000 words. Moreover, because Appellants will be filing a single reply brief addressing two separate full-length response briefs, Appellants respectfully move for leave to file a reply brief on the merits in excess of the 6,000-word limit imposed by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(g)(vii), not to exceed 8,000 words.

7. Counsel for Appellants has conferred with counsel for Appellees, who advise that Appellees do not oppose this motion.

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Respectfully submitted.

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