## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION Civil Action No. 5:22-cv-276-D

NORTH CAROLINA GREEN PARTY, et al.,	)
Plaintiffs, v.	) STATE BOARD DEFENDANTS' ) NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION )
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, et al.,	) ) )
Defendants.	) )

**NOW COME** Defendants Damon Circosta, Stella Anderson, Jeff Carmon, III, Stacy Eggers, IV, Tommy Tucker, and Karen Brinson Bell ("Defendants" or "State Board"), through undersigned counsel, to hereby give notice to the Court of action by the North Carolina State Board of Elections which is relevant to this litigation.

As noted in the State Board's Response to Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction (D.E. 51, pp. 1, 4), the State Board held a meeting this morning during which it considered the question of certification of the Green Party as a new party in North Carolina. After receiving a report with updated findings regarding the sufficiency of the Green Party's petition from State Board staff, the State Board voted to certify the Green Party as a political party. *See* August 1, 2022 Letter from the State Board to the Green Party Co-chairs attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

A full video of the meeting,<sup>1</sup> all meeting materials pertaining to the Green Party,<sup>2</sup> and a press release announcing the certification,<sup>3</sup> are all publicly available on the State Board's website.

Respectfully submitted this the 1st day of August, 2022.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The relevant portion of the August 1, 2022 meeting takes place from 5:51 to 34:42: <a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/State\_Board\_Meeting\_Docs/2022-08-01/State%20Board%20of%20Elections%20Meeting-20220801%201316-1.mp4">https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/State\_Board\_Meeting\_Docs/2022-08-01/State%20Board%20of%20Elections%20Meeting-20220801%201316-1.mp4</a>, last visited August 1, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The meeting materials include the report by State Board staff, the Declarations of Matthew Martucci and Paul Cox [D.E. 52, 53], a July 28, 2022 letter from Counsel for Proposed Intervenors, and a statement by the Chair of the State Board following the vote, and can be found here: <a href="https://dl.ncsbe.gov/?prefix=State\_Board\_Meeting\_Docs/2022-08-01/Green%20Party%20Recognition/">https://dl.ncsbe.gov/?prefix=State\_Board\_Meeting\_Docs/2022-08-01/Green%20Party%20Recognition/</a>, last visited August 1, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The August 1, 2022 Press Release by the State Board regarding this action is available here: <a href="https://www.ncsbe.gov/news/press-releases/2022/08/01/state-board-recognizes-green-party-nc-political-party">https://www.ncsbe.gov/news/press-releases/2022/08/01/state-board-recognizes-green-party-nc-political-party</a>, last visited August 1, 2022.

## Exhibit A

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August 1, 2022

## **VIA EMAIL**

Tony Ndege, Co-Chair Jan Martell, Co-Chair North Carolina Green Party cochair@ncgreenparty.org

RE: Recognition of Green Party

Dear Co-Chair Ndege and Co-Chair Martell,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Green Party is now a recognized political party in North Carolina. At its meeting earlier today, the State Board of Elections, by a vote of 4 to 0, determined that the North Carolina Green Party had submitted sufficient petitions and immediately recognized the Green Party as a new political party pursuant to G.S. § 163-96(a)(2).

Sincerely,

Katelyn Love General Counsel

NC State Board of Elections