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TIM HARKENRIDER, GUY C. BROUGHT, LAWRENCE CANNING, PATRICIA CLARINO, GEORGE DOOHER, JR., STEVEN EVANS, LINDA FANTON, JERRY FISHMAN, JAY FRANTZ, LAWRENCE GARVEY, ALAN NEWPHEW, SUSAN ROWLEY, JOSEPHINE THOMAS, and MARIANNE VOLANTE,

Petitioners,

-against-

PRELIMINARY ORDER

GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE BRIAN A. BENJAMIN, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS, SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY CARL HEASTIE, NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, and THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND REAPPORTIONMENT,

Respondents.

PRESENT: Hon. Patrick F. McAllister
Acting Supreme Court Justice

The Court of Appeals Opinion dated April 27, 2022 declared the recently enacted Congressional and State Senate redistricting maps to be unconstitutional and further directed this Court to have an independent special master develop both new Congressional and State Senate maps. This court appointed Dr. Jonathan Cervas to serve as the special master. Based on the current time pressure and after consulting with special master Cervas and the State Board of Elections this court is issuing the following preliminary order with regard to when the redistricting maps will be completed; when the primary for the Congressional and State Senate will be held; and when the military and other overseas ballots will need to be mailed. A further more detailed order will follow with regard to ballot access and other issues.

This order will only pertain to the Congressional and State Senate primary elections. It will be up to the Legislature to determine whether or not to continue the June primary for all

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other offices or whether the Legislature will want to change the currently scheduled June primary to coincide with the Congressional and State Senate primary.

NOW, therefore, upon consideration of all papers and proceedings heretofore had herein, and after due deliberation, it is

ORDERED that the new 2022 impartial redistricting maps for the Congressional and State Senate districts to be prepared by Special Master Dr. Jonathan Cervas will be available by May 20, 2022; and it is further

ORDERED that the 2022 primary for the Congressional and State Senate elections will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022; and it is further

ORDERED that the deadline for military and overseas ballots to be mailed will be July 8, 2022.

Dated: April 29, 2022

Hon. Patrick F Acting Supreme Court Justice

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