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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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FAIR MAPS NEVADA,

Appellant,

vs.

ERIC JENG, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND FRANCISCO V. AGUILAR, IN HIS
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE,

Respondents.

On Appeal from the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada
Case Nos. 23 OC 00138 1B; 23 OC 00137 1B

**RESPONDENT FRANCISCO V. AGUILAR'S
LIMITED ANSWERING BRIEF**

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SUMMARY OF THE LIMITED ARGUMENT

Respondent Francisco V. Aguilar, in his official capacity as Nevada Secretary of State, takes no position on the legality of the proposed initiative petitions and will comply with any final judgment in the appealed cases.

LIMITED ARGUMENT

The Secretary of State submits the following limited answer to Appellant's Opening Brief.

The two appealed cases were brought prior to the Secretary of State having the opportunity to consider certifying the proposed initiative petitions as sufficient pursuant to NRS 295.061(2). The Secretary of State takes no position on the legality of the proposed initiative petitions. Appellant and the other Respondent will make arguments as to the petitions' legality, and the Secretary of State will comply with any final judgment in the appealed cases. The Secretary of State also takes no position on the policy merits of the proposed initiatives. If deemed legal and qualified for the 2024 general election ballot, Nevada voters will have that debate and make that policy decision.

CONCLUSION

Because the Secretary of State does not take a position on the legality of the proposed initiatives, the Secretary of State does not seek any specific relief, except

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that under the circumstances here, no award of attorneys' fees or costs is appropriate against the Secretary of State.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of March, 2024.

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