

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
C-35 September Term 2024
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Jersey City United Against
the New Ward Map,
Downtown Coalition of
Neighborhood Associations,
Greenville Neighborhood
Alliance, Friends of Berry
Lane Park, Riverview
Neighborhood Association,
Pershing Field
Neighborhood Association,
Sgt. Anthony Neighborhood
Assoc., Gardner Avenue
Block Association, Lincoln
Park Neighborhood Watch,
Morris Canal
Redevelopment CDC,
Harmon Street Block
Association, Crescent
Avenue Block Association,
Democratic Political
Alliance, and Frank E.
Gilmore, in his individual and
official capacity as Ward F
Councilman,

Plaintiffs-Petitioners,

v.

Jersey City Ward Commission
and John Minella, in his official
capacity as Chair of the Commission,
Defendants-Respondents.

James Calderon,
Plaintiff,

v.

City of Jersey City Ward
Commission, John Minella,
Chairman, Sean J.

Gallagher, Secretary, and
Commissioners Daniel E.
Beckelman, Paul Castelli,
Janet Larwa, and Daniel
Miqueli,
Defendants.

A petition for certification of the judgment in A-0356/0560-22 having been submitted to this Court, and the Court having considered the same;

It is ORDERED that the petition for certification is granted, limited to the issues concerning the interpretation of the “compactness” requirement of the Municipal Ward Law; the challenge under the Equal Protection Clause of the New Jersey Constitution; and the dismissal of the claim brought under the Civil Rights Act. Certification is denied as to all other issues; and it is further

ORDERED that further proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the following expedited, peremptory schedule: any entity seeking to participate as amicus curiae shall serve and file its motion for leave to appear as amicus curiae, together with its proposed amicus curiae brief on the merits, on or before November 12, 2024. The parties may serve and file answers to any motions for leave to participate, together with responses to the amicus curiae briefs on the merits, on or before December 4, 2024. No further submissions shall be accepted without leave of Court. The parties, and any amicus curiae entities who are granted leave to participate, shall appear for oral argument on a date and time to be scheduled by the Clerk of Court.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this
23rd day of September, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Bate". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and "B".

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT