IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

FLORIDA GREYHOUND ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, and JAMES BLANCHARD, individually,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 2018-CA-1114

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, an agency of the State of Florida, and KEN DETZNER, in his official capacity as Secretary of State for the State of Florida,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Defendants/Appellants Department of State, an agency of the State of Florida, and Ken Detzner, in his official capacity as Secretary of State for the State of Florida, appeal to the First District Court of Appeal the order of this Court rendered August 1, 2018. The nature of the order is a final order granting final summary judgment to Plaintiffs and denying Defendants' cross-motion for summary judgment. A conformed copy of the order is attached hereto.

The timely filing of this notice of appeal automatically operates as a stay of the final judgment pending appellate review. Fla. R. App. P. 9.310(b)(2).

¹ On August 2, 2018, the Leon County Circuit Court issued a "Supplement to Final Judgment" that referenced "the parties' joint notice of priority status" and "Rule 2.215(g)," which "recogniz[es] the duty of every judge to expedite priority cases, including those 'involving challenges to elections and proposed constitutional amendments." Because the circuit court's Supplement state that it "should be considered part of the final judgment entered August 1, 2018," it is also attached to this notice of appeal.

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