

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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,

CASE NO.: SC18-1287  
L.T. Case No.: 1D18-3260

Petitioners,

v.

FLORIDA GREYHOUND  
ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida  
Corporation and JAMES BLANCHARD,  
Individually,

Respondents.

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**RESPONDENTS' OBJECTION TO AMICUS CURIAE REQUEST  
FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO APPEAR AT ORAL ARGUMENT**

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Respondents, Florida Greyhound Association, Inc. and James Blanchard, file this objection to the request of the amicus curiae, The Committee to Protect Dogs, for additional time to appear at oral argument.

1. On August 7, 2018, the Court entered an Order with an abbreviated briefing and oral argument schedule to accommodate the expedited nature of the issues raised in the above-captioned appeal. The Court's Order set this matter for

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oral argument on Wednesday, August 28, 2018 and allotted a maximum of twenty minutes to each side.

2. On August 21, 2018, The Committee to Protect Dogs filed a Request for Additional Time to Appear at Oral Argument (the “Request”). The Committee desires five minutes of time to present its position at oral argument in addition to the twenty minutes allotted to the Petitioners. The Committee did not confer with the Respondents prior to filing their Request. The Respondents object to the Committee’s Request.

3. The twenty minutes allotted per side by the Court is more than sufficient time to address all arguments raised by the parties. The Committee has not raised any issues not covered by the Petitioners; therefore, additional argument by counsel for the Committee is not necessary for this Court to make its ruling.

4. The Office of the Attorney General is fully capable of defending the proposed constitutional amendment at issue in this proceeding.

5. To the extent counsel for the Petitioners refuses to cede any of their time to the Committee, the interests of the Committee will be adequately represented by counsel for the Petitioners.

For these reasons, Respondents, Florida Greyhound Association, Inc. and James Blanchard, request that the Court deny the Committee to Protect Dogs’ Request for Additional Time to Appear at Oral Argument.

DATED this 21st day of August, 2018.

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