

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

GEORGE "EDDIE" LORTON,  
 Petitioner,  
 vs.  
 LYNNETTE JONES, IN HER OFFICIAL  
 CAPACITY AS RENO CITY CLERK;  
 AND DAN BURK, IN HIS OFFICIAL  
 CAPACITY AS THE WASHOE COUNTY  
 REGISTRAR AND CHIEF ELECTIONS  
 OFFICER OF WASHOE COUNTY,  
 Respondents,  
 and  
 JESSICA SFERRAZZA; AND DWIGHT  
 DORTCH, IN THEIR CAPACITIES AS  
 CANDIDATES FOR CERTAIN  
 OFFICES.  
 Real Parties in Interest.

No. 64194

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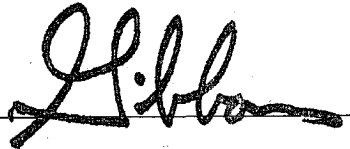
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 BY A. Malone  
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*ORDER DIRECTING ANSWER TO  
 PETITION FOR REHEARING*

Real party in interest Jessica Sferrazza has petitioned this court for rehearing of the opinion entered by this court on February 20, 2014. Having reviewed the petition, it appears that an answer will assist the court in resolving the issue presented. Accordingly, we direct petitioner to file and serve an answer to the petition by Friday, February 28, 2014, at noon. See NRAP 40. In addition to responding to any of the issues raised in the petition, petitioner is directed to address specifically whether the rule of construction requiring the application of a liberal interpretation of a provision of law relating to elections in favor of eligibility for office is applicable in interpreting a term-limits provision, such as the one at issue in this proceeding. See, e.g., *Gilbert v. Breithaupt*, 60 Nev. 162, 165-66, 104 P.2d 183, 185 (1940) ("The exercise of [the right

to hold public office] should not be declared prohibited or curtailed except by plain provisions of law. Ambiguities are to be resolved in favor of eligibility to office.”); *State of Nev. Emps. Ass’n, Inc. v. Lau*, 110 Nev. 715, 877 P.2d 531 (1994). Thereafter, Sferrazza shall have until Monday, March 3, 2014, at 4 p.m. to file and serve any reply.

It is so ORDERED.

 C.J.

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