

**In the United States District Court
for the
Western District of Texas**

SHANNON PEREZ, ET AL.	§	
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v.	§	SA-11-CV-360
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GREG ABBOTT, ET AL.	§	

ORDER

This case is set for a status conference on **Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.** in Courtroom 1. This will be an informal status conference intended to flesh out what issues remain to be decided and in what manner, and to begin working out a scheduling order to govern the remainder of the case.

The status conference will cover, but is not limited to, the following topics:

(1) Docket no. 996 Defendants' Opposed Motion for Summary Judgment

What issues, if any, remain pending from this motion?

(2) Docket no. 1348 NAACP's Motion to Substitute Party

(3) Trial(s) of the 2013 Plans

Plaintiffs should be prepared to discuss which claims they are pursuing with regard to the 2013 Plans, linking specific claims to specific districts. Advisories with this information must be filed by **Monday, April 24, 2017**.

Can any facts or legal principles related to remaining claims be stipulated?

Will any additional fact or expert discovery be needed, and for which claims?

Can any remaining claims (and which) be disposed of on the current record or is trial needed? Assuming trial is needed, the parties should be prepared to provide an estimate of the length of trial for each of their claims and defenses, and provide a list of expected witnesses, if any.

Assuming the current schedule to try the plans set forth in Docket no. 1018 ((1) Texas House 2011; (2) Congressional 2011; (3) Texas House 2013; and (4) Congressional 2013) remains in effect, what is an appropriate and necessary schedule for conducting the remaining trials and any appeals in time for the 2018 election cycle?

Docket no. 1344 Plaintiffs' Opposed Motion for Permanent Injunction. The Parties should be prepared to discuss what violations/harms found by the Court with regard to the 2011 plans remain in the 2013 plans. Defendants should be prepared to discuss whether the Legislature intends to take up redistricting during this legislative session to remedy any violations that persist in the 2013 plans.

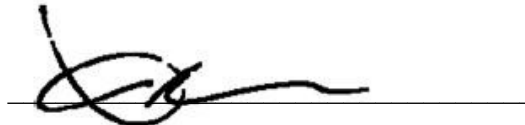
The parties should be prepared to discuss the timing of potential § 3(c) relief. The parties arguing that it should be considered at this time should be prepared to address whether it will apply to the Court's review of the 2013 plans.

The Court does not intend to make any rulings on the merits at this status conference.

The parties are further ORDERED to meet and confer prior to the filing of the Advisories to discuss what stipulations may be reached and what discovery and trial processes can be agreed upon.

It is so ORDERED.

SIGNED this 5th day of April, 2017.

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XAVIER RODRIGUEZ
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE