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> Re: Yamane, Arce, et. al. v. City of National City Notice of CVRA Violation dated November 8, 2021 ("CVRA Notice")

Counsel,

Further to our CVRA Notice, and in response to your specific inquiry, my clients have decided to move forward with pursuing district voting elections effective for the year 2022. In light of the holidays, an extension on the December 23, 2021 deadline to January 13, 2022 is agreeable so long as the parties can agree to all the terms and conditions of the written stipulation. Beyond that date will not be acceptable if it interferes with the 2022 effective date. It is apparent that the only hurdle to the City's schedule is its own meeting schedule. The Council has full control of that schedule and may conduct special meetings for this important voting rights issue.

Please instruct the City to plan accordingly to ensure this process is timely. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Audie J. de Castro

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cc: City Clerk, National City

City Attorney, City of National City, et. al. November 30, 2021, continued