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To: Allie [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Alternative voting methods
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:18:00 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: James N Randall [REDACTED]
Date: May 14, 2020 at 3:45:23 PM CDT
To: Blake Hawthorne [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Alternative voting methods

Thank you for your response. I am open to the Friend of the Court filing. I am used to receiving inflammatory and coercive correspondence. I expect this will cause some persons to be very irritated. I believe the common sense approach, with no regard for any political organization, seems appropriate.

You may proceed with the filing. Thank you.

Best regards,

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 3:25 PM Blake Hawthorne

[REDACTED] wrote:

I appreciate your email and I'm glad you are engaged in this discussion. I cannot, however, simply forward your message to the Court. I can, however, ask one of my deputies to file it as a friend of court brief. It would be served on all parties to the case and available to the public. Would you like for me to file it with the court as a friend of court brief?

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 14, 2020, at 3:16 PM, James N Randall [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Mr. Hawthorne:

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> This communication addresses the ongoing dispute that exists over particular voting methods. It is likely highly unusual and even unorthodox, but I wanted to express a view from a common sense perspective. Rather than file a complete Friend of the Court type brief, I will state my opinion in a very few sentences. You are free to use or dispose of this email as you deem appropriate.

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> We are living in very difficult and different times. Voting is a critical right that individuals possess within our representative government. We also face a nemesis in the form of a pathogen that is wreaking havoc and causing death and

dismay within families of our citizens. With the continued print, social, radio and television media coverage of the coronavirus, one must take the information offered, hopefully conduct independent research and consideration, and decide whether it is appropriate to act in certain ways. Among the guidance offered by professionals of the Centers for Disease Control is avoiding large crowds via social distancing. Individual states are making decisions based on, or counter to the guidance of the CDC. In my opinion, the virus is a health related matter best addressed by medical professionals, similar to what counsel we might expect attorneys to offer on a complex legal matter.

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> To me, the question is, should Texas citizens have an opportunity to be cautious, and rightly so, if concerns for personal and others safety justify being offered alternative methods to voting? Again, in my mind, a method can be created that functions as an absentee voting document that includes notarization and attestation at no fee to residents who believe this is best for their individual circumstances. There is voting history and stories in which the feeble individual made his or her way to polls, though ill, to cast a vote. In our challenging times, unless eradication occurs prior to elections, can some method for voting by mail, or online be appropriate?

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> I offer these comments in the spirit of encouraging legitimate, proper and innovative in our times voting, and the support for civic engagement,

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> Jim Randall

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Jim Randall
Houston, TX

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Date: May 14, 2020 at 4:02:40 PM CDT
To: Blake Hawthorne [REDACTED]
Subject: Further attestation

Mr. Hawthorne:

For disclosure purposes, I am not currently, nor will I become a candidate for public office. I currently do not hold any position that can be positively impacted by any ruling related to the voting question. I do not lead or control any organization that is actively pursuing voting rights legislation, statutes or ordinance.

My reason for writing is to offer a solution so voting is as safe as possible for all persons considering the environment of which we find ourselves living.

Thank you.
Best regards,

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Jim Randall
Houston, TX

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