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Via hand delivery

Ms. Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Supreme Court
110 East Main Street, Suite 215
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Re: *Johnson v. Wisconsin Elections Commission*,
Case No. 2021AP1450-OA

Dear Ms. Reiff:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Court, on behalf of the Wisconsin Elections Commission and its members, that the attached update memorandum was issued on April 11, 2022, notifying election officials throughout the state that the U.S. congressional district maps the Court adopted in its decision of March 1, 2022, will be implemented in statewide election databases prior to the April 15, 2022, beginning of the statutory period for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the August 2022 primary election.

The memorandum also notes that because the Court has not yet resolved the status of the state legislative district maps, there is currently no additional information to provide on that subject. This creates legal uncertainties for candidates, petition circulators, petition signers, and election officials

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throughout the state. Accordingly, the memorandum advises that affected parties should consult about the situation with their own legal counsel.

Sincerely,

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DATE: Monday April 11, 2022

TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
City of Milwaukee Election Commission
Milwaukee County Election Commission

FROM: WEC Staff

SUBJECT: **Redistricting Update Re: Congressional Districts**

On March 1, 2022, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, in *Johnson v. Wisconsin Elections Commission*, adopted the maps that were proposed by Governor Evers for both Wisconsin state legislative districts and United States congressional districts. On March 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court, in *Wisconsin Legislature, et al. v. Wisconsin Elections Commission, et al.* and *Glenn Grothman et al. v. Wisconsin Elections Commission et al.*, reversed the Wisconsin Supreme Court's decision with regard to state legislative districts, but left in place the decision with regard to Congressional districts. Those congressional district maps must be implemented in WisVote to facilitate nomination paper circulation set to start on April 15.

WEC staff will implement the congressional maps in WisVote by Thursday, April 14. This process will create new ward records in your municipality. If the new ward labels were provided through WISE-Decade by April 10th, WEC will apply those labels to the impacted wards. If not, WEC will apply a temporary label that uses the existing ward label and adds a "C" for Congressional to the smaller portion of the split ward. This approach will allow WEC to create new wards in compliance with Wis. Stat. § [5.15\(6\)\(a\)](#) and allow congressional candidates to retrieve accurate lists of who may sign their nomination papers. In most cases across the state, a new ward will not need to be created and the congressional district will simply be associated to existing district combo records.

Unfortunately, the Wisconsin Supreme Court has not yet resolved the status of the state legislative maps, so we do not have additional information to share on that subject at the present time. WEC staff will provide more information as it is available. Please consult with your local counsel on additional next steps.

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