

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND STATE BOARD
OF ELECTIONS, *et al.*,

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Appellants,

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September Term

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v.

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No. 26

ANTHONY AMBRIDGE, *et al.*,

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Appellees.

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**MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME TO RESPOND
TO APPELLEES’ MOTION TO CORRECT THE RECORD**

COME NOW, Appellees, by and through counsel, Thiru Vignarajah, Esq., pursuant to Md. Gen. Provi. 1-204, Md. R. Rev. Ct. App. & Spec. App. 8-431, files this Motion to Shorten Time to Respond to Appellees’ Motion to Correct the Record and respectfully asks this Honorable Court to issue an Order to limit Appellants’ time to respond to Appellees’ Motion to Correct the Record, and states in support thereof as follows:

1. This Motion is filed contemporaneously with Appellees’ Motion to Correct the Record.
2. Appellees incorporate by reference, as if restated verbatim herein, Appellees’ Motion to Correct Record filed concurrently with the instant Motion.
3. This case, because of the looming election, has moved expeditiously from the outset.
4. On October 9, 2024, hours after oral argument concluded in this case, a news outlet publicly reported for the first time (around 9 PM) that its journalists had tried to obtain the language of Question F four times in the month of August, including through an MPIA request to the Baltimore City Law Department that was denied on August 30, 2024, just days before the language was publicly displayed as required by law on September 2, 2024.
5. Up until this point, all parties in this matter and all counsel have operated under the assumption that had a request for the language of Question F been made to Baltimore City or the State Board of Elections after August 2, 2024, that the City and State Board would in fact have supplied the language to the requesting party.

6. According to this news report, the City Law Department knew of written requests for the language of Question F in August and in writing denied them.
7. To answer the Motion to Correct the Record, Appellant Mayor and City Council (MCC) need only address this narrow issue and answer the simple question of whether, in fact, a reporter asked for the language of Question F in a written MPIA request in August and that this request was denied on the ground that the City was not the custodian of the records.
8. Appellants have been apprised by email of this instant Motion and Appellees' Motion to Correct the Record.
9. That, for the foregoing reasons, good cause exists for shortening of Appellants' time to respond to Appellees' Motion to Correct the Record, so that this Honorable Court can amend the record accordingly.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and any which may appear to the Court, Appellees respectfully pray that this Court:

- a. GRANT Appellees' Motion to Shorten Time; and
- b. That Appellants be required to respond to Appellees' Motion to Correct the Record to the shortest period of time which justice will permit; or in the alternative, Appellants be required to respond to Appellees' Motion to Correct the Record by 5 PM on October 10, 2024; and
- c. GRANT any other appropriate relief, as this cause may require.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10th day of October 2024 the foregoing **Motion to Shorten Time** was filed via MDEC with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Maryland, and served via MDEC to the following:

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