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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:
GENERAL ELECTION 2020 EMERGENCY
MATTERS AND ELECTION JUDGE ASSIGNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-11

WHEREAS, the judicial power is vested in the state court system-comprised of the supreme court, a court of appeals, district courts, justices of the peace, and municipal courts. Nev. Constr. Art.VI ss 1;

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court ("District Court") Chief Judge has authority to make administrative orders pertaining to the business of the court (WDCR 2(2), NRS 3.025(2)(C));

WHEREAS, the 2020 General Election shall take place on November 3, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge has determined the District Court shall remain open to adjudicate emergency election disputes, if any, during the 2020 general election on November 3, 2020;

WHEREAS, in prior elections, a designated Election Judge to hear emergency election disputes has been an efficient method of resolving these disputes; and

1 WHEREAS, in prior emergency election disputes, the minutes and court reporter notes
2 have been required by reviewing courts and to the parties and public in understanding the
3 process, if necessary and will assist the Clerk of Court, the Judicial Officer assigned to the
4 case(s), the parties, counsel, and the public.
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6 **Accordingly, after review, and good cause appearing, this Administrative Order**
7 **2020-11 follows:**

- 8 1. The Chief Judge directs the Clerk of Court to open the District Court at 7:00 a.m. on
9 November 3, 2020, and to remain open for document filing and processing until 30
10 minutes after the last voter has been reported in Washoe County.
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- 12 2. During the extended hours addressed in this order, on November 3, 2020, the Clerk of
13 Court shall only accept filings related to the 2020 general election. Filings may be
14 accepted electronically or in person at 75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada 89501.
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- 16 3. For in person filing, the District Court's COVID-19 protocols shall be followed.
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- 18 4. The Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District Court will serve as the Election Judge.
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- 20 5. If a matter regarding the general election is heard, the matter will be clerked by an
21 assigned courtroom clerk and reported by a court reporter selected by the Election
22 Judge. The JAVS recording system may be utilized in the place of a court reporter.
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- 24 6. All matters will be heard using the Zoom platform unless otherwise determined by the
25 Election Judge.
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- 27 7. All matters shall be heard by the Election Judge on the record; no ex parte
28 communications will be entertained by the Election Judge absent extraordinary exigent
circumstances.

1 8. The Election Judge will preside over all election contests that are filed between the date
2 of this Order and the day after the last date any election on the 2020 general election
3 ballot is certified.

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5 9. This administrative order shall be in effect until specifically modified or rescinded by
6 subsequent administrative order.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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9 DATED this 21st day of October, 2020.

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11 CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE
12 SCOTT FREEMAN