IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

COMMON CAUSE, et al.,

PLAINTIFFS,

v.

ROBERT A. RUCHO, in his official capacity as Chairman of the North Carolina Senate Redistricting Committee for the 2016 Extra Session and Co-Chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting, *et al.*,

DEFENDANTS.

CIVIL ACTION No. 1:16-CV-1026-WO-JEP

THREE-JUDGE COURT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA, *et al.*,

PLAINTIFFS.

v.

ROBERT A. RUCHO, in his official capacity as Chairman of the North Carolina Senate Redistricting Committee for the 2016 Extra Session and Co-Chairman of the 2016 Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting, *et al.*,

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JOINT PLAINTIFFS' AND STATE DEFENDANTS' NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL MASTER SUBMISSION

Pursuant to this Court's instructions on January 9, 2018, ECF 118, Joint Plaintiffs

(Common Cause Plaintiffs and LWV Plaintiffs) and State Defendants notify the Court that the

parties were unable to agree upon three names of individuals qualified to serve as special master. Joint Plaintiffs and Legislative Defendants conferred and submitted names to one another (with Legislative Defendants stating that they did so subject to their objections regarding the propriety of any order appointing a special master) but were unable to reach agreement on those names. The State Defendants took no position but indicated a willingness to agree to any names agreed to by the other parties.

Respectfully submitted, this 16th day of January, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel and parties of record.

This the 16th day of January, 2018.

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