

**UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE DIVISION**

GAINESVILLE RESIDENTS
UNITED, INC., a Florida not-for-profit
corporation, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 1:23-cv-00176-AW-HTC

RON DESANTIS, in his official capacity
as Governor of the State of Florida, *et al.*,

Defendants.

**GOVERNOR DESANTIS'S UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Governor Ron DeSantis, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Florida (“Governor”), pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1)(A), files this unopposed motion to align his deadline to respond to the Complaint with the Secretary of State and Attorney General’s (“State Defendants”) deadline, or until September 11, 2023. In support, the Governor states:

1. Plaintiffs filed the Complaint on July 3, 2023.
2. Plaintiffs sent the request to waive service to the Governor on July 10, 2023, and to the Secretary of State and Attorney General on July 12 and 13, 2023, respectively.
3. Pursuant to Rule 4(d)(3), the State Defendants have sixty (60) days after Plaintiffs sent the waivers to respond to the Complaint. Thus, the Governor’s response

is due on September 8, 2023, and the Secretary's and Attorney General's responses are due September 11, 2023.¹

4. The Governor asks this Court to align his and the State Defendants' response deadline. The remaining Defendant, the City of Gainesville, has filed its answer.

5. Extending the Governor's response deadline will not unduly delay this case or prejudice Plaintiffs.

6. The Governor's counsel conferred with Plaintiffs' counsel, who consents to the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, the Governor asks this Court to extend his response deadline until September 11, 2023.

¹ The sixtieth day after July 12, 2023, is Sunday, September 10, 2023. Thus, pursuant to Rule 6(a)(1)(C), the Secretary's deadline rolls over to the next business day, or September 11, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, September 7, 2023,

RON DESANTIS

Governor

/s/ Nicholas J.P. Meros

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RULE 7.1(B) CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(B), I hereby certify that counsel for Governor DeSantis conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs by e-mail on September 7, 2023, in a good faith effort to resolve this issue. Plaintiffs' counsel consents to the requested extension.

/s/ Nicholas J.P. Meros

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1(F)

Pursuant to N.D. Fla. Local Rule 7.1(F), I hereby certify that this Motion complies with the Rule's font requirements and contains 250 words, exclusive of the case style, signature block, and any certificates of service.

/s/ Nicholas J.P. Meros

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via the Court's CM/ECF system, which provides notice to all parties, on September 7, 2023.

/s/ Nicholas J.P. Meros