

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY; §  
BOYD L. RICHIE, in his capacity as §  
Chairman of the Texas Democratic Party; §  
HARRIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC §  
PARTY; §  
GERALD BIRNBERG, in his capacity as §  
Chairman of the Harris County §  
Democratic Party; §  
J. GOODWILLE PIERRE; §  
ALEXANDRA GIBBS; JEFFREY T. §  
VANSCHOONHOVEN; BONI SUE §  
LESZCZUK; and ERIC J. GALLOWAY §

Cause No. 4:08-CV-03332

*Plaintiffs,*

vs.

PAUL BETTENCOURT, in his capacity §  
as Harris County Tax Assessor Collector §  
and Harris County Voter Registrar §

*Defendant.*

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED APPLICATION**  
**FOR DISTRICT COURT OF THREE JUDGES**

TO: Chief Judge Edith Jones

The Plaintiffs have filed this action alleging violations of federal law including claims arising under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c. The Plaintiff filed an application for the designation of a district court of three judges as to its Section 5 claims. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1973c and 28 U.S.C. § 2284, this Court requests that Chief Judge Edith H. Jones, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth

Circuit, designate a district court of three judges to hear and determine the Section 5 claims.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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United States District Judge