

KATHRYN SZELIGA, et al., * IN THE
Plaintiffs * CIRCUIT COURT
v. * FOR
LINDA LAMONE, et al., * ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
Defendants * CASE NO.: C-02-CV-21-001816
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NEIL PARROTT, et al., * IN THE
Plaintiffs * CIRCUIT COURT
v. * FOR
LINDA LAMONE, et al., * ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
Defendants * CASE NO.: C-02-CV-21-001773
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ORDER


In case number C-02-CV-21-001816, Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss on February 2, 2022, which sought dismissal of the following counts: Count I: Violation of Maryland's Free Election Clause (Maryland Dec. of Rights, Art. 7); Count II: Violation of Purity of Elections (Maryland Const., Art. 1, Sec. 7); Count III: Violation of Equal Protection (Maryland Dec. of Rights, Art. 24); and Count IV: Violation of Freedom of Speech (Maryland Dec. of Rights, Art. 40). The Plaintiffs filed their Opposition on February 11, 2022. Simultaneously, the Plaintiffs in case number C-02-CV-21-001773 filed their Opposition. The Court heard arguments on the Motion to Dismiss in Case No. 1816 on February 16, 2022, and held the Motion *sub curia*.

In consolidated case number C-02-CV-21-001773, Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss on February 19, 2022, which sought dismissal of the following counts: Count I: Violation of Maryland's Free Election Clause (Maryland Dec. of Rights, Art. 7); and Count II: Violation of Article 3, Section 4 of the Maryland Constitution. The Plaintiffs filed their Opposition on February 20, 2022. The Court heard arguments on the Motion to Dismiss in Case No. 1773 on February 23, 2022, and held the Motion *sub curia*.

Upon review and consideration of the submitted memoranda and the arguments of counsel at the hearings held on February 16, 2022 and February 23, 2022, respectively, it is, this 23rd day of February, 2022 by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that in Case No. C-02-CV-21-001816, Count II: Violation of Purity of Elections (Maryland Const., Art. 1, Sec. 7) is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

2/23/2022
Date


LYNNE A. BATTAGLIA, Judge (Ret.)
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County