

**IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

WILLIAM TELLI,

Appellant,

v.

Case No.: SC11-1737

BROWARD COUNTY, a Political
Subdivision of the State of Florida;
DR. BRENDA C. SNIPES,
Broward County Supervisor of Elections,

Appellees.

**MOTION FOR LEAVE OF THE FLORIDA
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, INC.
TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE FOR THE SOLE
PURPOSE OF SUGGESTING THAT AN EXPEDITED RESOLUTION
IS NECESSARY**

COMES NOW the Florida Association of Counties, Inc., by and through its undersigned counsel, pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.370, and hereby requests leave to appear as an Amicus Curiae for the sole purpose of the Court receiving this suggestion that a resolution of the matter be made with all deliberate speed, and in support of this matter states:

(1) The Florida Association of Counties, Inc. ("the Association") is a Florida non-partisan, not-for-profit corporation organized specifically to help

counties effectively serve and represent all Floridians. Currently, 66 of Florida's 67 counties are direct members of the Association.

(2) The issues in this case have broad implications and are of an urgent nature because they affect all counties within the State -- those counties that are already charter and those that may become charter in the future. Most significant, however, is the fact that 2012 is a presidential election year and that there are elected county commissioners in various counties around the state who are in doubt as to their eligibility for office. There are at least 10 counties in the state whose charters contain term limits for county commissioners, among them some of the state's most populous: Broward, Brevard, Clay, Duval, Hillsborough, Orange, Palm Beach, Polk, Sarasota and Volusia. For the commissioners in these counties, for alternative candidates, for their voters, and the integrity of the local election processes, time is of the essence for a final resolution in this matter.

(3) In accordance with Rule 9.370, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, attorneys for both Appellant and Appellees have been contacted and they have indicated that they have no objection to this request for leave by the Association to appear as Amicus Curiae and to ask the court to accept this suggestion to expedite. The Association is not requesting and will not request leave to file a brief on the

merits. The Association is also not requesting and will not request leave to file any additional pleadings.

WHEREFORE, the Florida Association of Counties, Inc. requests leave from this Court to appear as Amicus Curiae for the sole purpose of the Court accepting this suggestion that a resolution of the matter be made with all deliberate speed.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of January, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing was mailed, via U.S. first-class mail, to all counsel on the attached Mailing List on this 4th day of January, 2012.

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