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**SUPERIOR COURT OF NJ
MERCER VICINAGE
CHANCERY****PREPARED BY THE COURT**

STEPHEN M. SWEENEY, in his individual capacity and official capacity as a Member of the New Jersey Apportionment Commission,

Plaintiff,

v.

LEROY Y. JONES, JR., in his official capacity as Chair of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee, Co-Chair and Member of the New Jersey Apportionment Commission, and in his individual capacity, LAURA MATOS, in her individual capacity, NEW JERSEY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION, and TANESHA WAY, in her official capacity as Acting New Jersey Secretary of State,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
MERCER COUNTY
DOCKET NO. C-7-22

CIVIL ACTION

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY
RESTRAINTS**

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THIS MATTER having come before the Court, the Hon. Robert Lougy, A.J.S.C., presiding, on the Verified Complaint and Order to Show Cause seeking preliminary injunctive relief filed by Plaintiff Steven M. Sweeney, in his individual capacity and official capacity as a Member of the New Jersey Apportionment Commission; and the Court having entered an order directing Defendants to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue; and the Court having afforded numerous Defendants and interested parties an opportunity to be heard; and Plaintiff having filed a reply; and the Court having considered the written and oral

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arguments advanced by the named parties and several interested parties; and for the reasons as stated on the record on the date of this Order; and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 1st day of February 2022 **ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application for an order granting preliminary injunctive relief vacating the actions of Defendant Leroy Y. Jones, Jr., in removing Plaintiff Steven M. Sweeney as a member of the Commission is **DENIED**.
2. Plaintiff's application for an order granting preliminary injunctive relief vacating the actions of Defendant Secretary of State May in certifying Defendant Laura Matos as a member of the Commission is **DENIED**.
3. Plaintiff's application for an order granting preliminary relief enjoining the Commission from taking further action until Plaintiff is reinstated as a member of the Commission is **DENIED**.
4. Plaintiff's application for an order preliminarily reinstating Plaintiff as a member of the Commission is **DENIED**.
5. Defendants' responsive pleadings are due consistent with the Rules of Court.
6. An audio recording of the oral argument in this matter may be obtained by submitting a Request for Audio Records of Remote Proceedings,

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available at https://www.njcourts.gov/forms/12605_req_remote_proceed.pdf. The availability of an audio recording does not relieve any litigant from any transcript requirements imposed by the Rules of Court, e.g., Rule 2:8-1.

7. This Order shall be deemed served upon receipt from a Judiciary email address (xxx@njcourts.gov).

/s/ Robert Lougy

ROBERT LOUGY, A.J.S.C.