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From: Governor's Press Office [Governor'sPressOffice@eog.myflorida.com]
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Subject: Gov. Scott Files Motion to Disqualify Justice Pariente

Today, Governor Rick Scott moved to disqualify Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente from the case of League of Women Voters Florida, et al. v. Rick Scott (SC17-1122). Governor Scott's decision today follows Justice Pariente making disparaging remarks after the conclusion of the oral argument in this case on November 1, 2017 which were captured on a live microphone and widely reported on.

Additionally, Justice Pariente made the following remarks while campaigning for retention in 2012, "*A vote yes will be a vote to retain me and the other two justices. … A vote no will give Gov. Scott the right to make his appointments, which will result in partisan political appointments.*" See coverage on these remarks HERE and HERE.

"Governor Scott strongly believes that all Floridians deserve judges that are impartial, fair and non-partisan. Justice Pariente's past remarks cast grave doubt on her ability to take an objective and unbiased position when evaluating Governor Scott's authority in this case. She must be disqualified to ensure a fair decision." **– McKinley Lewis, Deputy Communications Director, Governor Rick Scott**

To read the motion filed by Governor Scott, click HERE.

Thanks,

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