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APPEAL FROM AIKEN COUNTY
William P. Keesley, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2023-000442
Case No. 2021-CP-02-02323

Mark Gregory Thompson and Jane Page Thompson, individually and
behalf of all those similarly situated, Appellants,

v.

Clay Killian, in his official capacity as Aiken County Administrator, Jason
Goings, in his official capacity as Treasurer of Aiken County, Aiken
County Council, Aiken County, City of Aiken, Aiken Council, and Stuart
Bedenbaugh, in his official capacity as City Manager of Aiken, Respondents.

**RESPONDENTS' JOINT RETURN TO
BEAUFORT COUNTY'S MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO FILE *AMICUS CURIAE* BRIEF**

On September 29, 2023, Beaufort County filed a motion for leave to file an amicus curiae
brief in this appeal. The Respondents consent to the motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Section (d)(1) of the Supreme Court’s Order Methods of Electronic Filing
and Service Under Rule 262 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (As Amended May 6,
2022), the undersigned employee of Lindemann Law Firm, P.A., does hereby certify that service
of the **Respondents’ Joint Return to Beaufort County’s Motion for Leave to File *Amicus
Curiae* Brief** in the above-captioned matter was made upon all counsel of record by email only
this the 19th day of October 2023 as follows:

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RE: Mark Gregory Thompson and Jane Page Thompson, individually and on behalf of all those similarly situated v. Jason Goings, in his official capacity as Treasurer of Aiken County, Aiken County, City of Aiken, Aiken City Council, and Stuart Bedenbaugh in his official capacity as City Manager of Aiken
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Civil Action Number: 2021-CP-02-2323
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Pursuant to Section (b)(2) of the Supreme Court's Order RE: Methods of Electronic Filing and Service Under Rule 262 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, please find enclosed for filing the **Respondents' Joint Return to Beaufort County's Motion for Leave to File *Amicus Curiae* Brief** in the above referenced matter. In accordance with Section (d)(1) of this same Order, I am hereby serving copies on all counsel of record by email only.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

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