IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

COMMON CAUSE, et al.,

PLAINTIFFS,

v.

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DEFENDANTS.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA, WILLIAM COLLINS, ELLIOTT FELDMAN, CAROL FAULKNER FOX, ANNETTE LOVE, MARIA PALMER, GUNTHER PECK, ERSLA PHELPS, JOHN QUINN, III, AARON SARVER, JANIE SMITH SUMPTER, ELIZABETH TORRES EVANS, and WILLIS WILLIAMS,

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CIVIL ACTION No. 1:16-CV-1164 Representatives Redistricting Committee for the 2016 Extra Session and Co-Chairman of the 2016 Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting,

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Defendants.

JOINT CONSENT MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE FOR DISCOVERY AND TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 42 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 7.3(a) and (b), Plaintiffs, with the consent of Defendants, in the above-captioned cases jointly submit this motion to consolidate these actions, *Common Cause v. Rucho*, No. 1:16-cv-1026 (M.D.N.C. Aug. 5, 2016), with *League of Women Voters*, 1:16-cv-1164 (M.D.N.C. Sept. 22, 2016), for discovery and trial. In support hereof, Plaintiffs rely upon their supporting memorandum, which is being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted, this 2nd day of February, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel and parties of record.

This the 2nd day of February, 2017.

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ORDER

Upon consideration, the Motion to Consolidate (*Common Cause* Dkt. 39 and *League of Women Voters* Dkt. 39) filed by Plaintiffs, with consent of Defendants, in both of the above-captioned cases is hereby **GRANTED**. The following actions are consolidated for purposes of discovery and trial: *League of Women Voters, et al. v. Rucho, et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-1164, and *Common Cause v. Rucho*, No. 1:16-cv-1026. All notices, requests, responses, motions and other filings related to both actions must be served on all counsel in each

action and bear the case caption for each	action that has been consolidated pursuant to this
order.	
SO ORDERED.	
Date:, 2017.	
	THE HONORABLE WILLIAM OSTEEN, JR.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE