

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

CASE NOS. SC00-2346, SC00-2348 & SC00-2349

PALM BEACH COUNTY
CANVASSING BOARD

vs.

KATHERINE HARRIS and
ROBERT

VOLUSIA COUNTY
CANVASSING BOARD
ET AL.

vs.

MICHAEL MCDERMOTT

FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC
PARTY ET AL.

vs.

MICHAEL MCDERMOTT

Petitioners

Respondents

RESPONSE TO MOTION TO MODIFY ORAL ARGUMENT TIME APPORTIONMENT

Petitioner, The Florida Democratic Party and Vice President Al Gore, Democratic Nominee for the President of the United States, object to Respondents Appellees Katherine Harris and the Election Canvassing Commission (“Harris Respondents”) Motion to modify oral argument time apportionment and as grounds therefor would state:

1. The Court was correct in allocating one hour per side in its original order dated November 17, 2000.
2. The Harris Respondents are aligned with Governor George W. Bush and those parties affiliated with his efforts in the principal issues raised in the proceedings before the Court.

3. The Petitioners have agreed to allocate their time as follows (if the Court agrees):

The Attorney General will take twenty(20) minutes and will speak first. Following the Attorney General, the Counties of Palm Beach and Broward will take five (5) minutes each and Petitioners, The Florida Democratic Party and Vice President Al Gore will take thirty (30) minutes.

Each Petitioner will announce in Court the amount of time that Petitioner wishes to reserve for Rebuttal. No Petitioner wishes realignment of the Parties so that the Harris Respondents be realigned as a Petitioner, or that the time allotment to each side previously set by the Court be changed or modified.

All of the Petitioners have informed counsel filing this response that they agree to this proposal.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of November, 2000.

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