

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
CIVIL ACTION: 2015-1526

DANIEL RIVERA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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WILLIAM MALONEY,)
Lawrence City Clerk, and)
ALDONSA PEREYRA and)
NIKOLAS PETRAKIS as)
appointed members of the)
Board of Registrars,)
)
Defendants.)

ORDER

THIS CAUSE having come on to be heard on the Plaintiff's Verified Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Injunctive Relief, and the Court, being fully advised, finds that that a temporary order is warranted and necessary.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED:

That any and all blank Recall Petitions dated and issued on September 15, 2015 by the City of Lawrence are declared **null and void**. This order reflects the Court's desire to maintain the status quo, until such time as this Court further rules on the issues presented. The Defendants are further ordered to refrain from issuing any blank Recall Petitions until such time as this Court rules on the issues presented.

Nothing contained in this order shall modify, reduce, or minimize the 30 day Petition period provided by Section 9.7 (b) of the Charter of the City of Lawrence. Any Lawrence recall petitions issued hereafter shall be returnable on or before the thirtieth day after they

issue. For clarity sake, the time since the issuance of the September 15, 2015 recall petitions shall not count toward the thirty day period provided for any subsequent petitions.

This Order shall be interpreted neutrally, issued to maintain the status quo ante, and shall not be construed as reproach, censure, vindication, or endorsement of the actions or rights of any parties.

SO ORDERED, this, 17th day of September, 2015.

M. J. Arner
Superior Court Justice