IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

NEVADA POWER COMPANY, A NEVADA CORPORATION; NEVADA TAXPAYER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., A NEVADA CORPORATION; UTILITY SHAREHOLDERS ASSOCIATION OF NEVADA, INC., A NEVADA CORPORATION; INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 396, AND NEVADA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, Petitioners,

vs.

THE COUNTY OF CLARK, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF NEVADA; CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF NEVADA; HARVARD L. LOMAX, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK, Respondents. No. 40100

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ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

This is an original petition for a writ of mandamus challenging the inclusion of an advisory question on the November 5, 2002 general election ballot. We have considered the petition, and we are not satisfied

JPREME COURT OF NEVADA that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary relief is warranted.¹ Accordingly, we deny the petition.² The motions for expedited treatment and to dismiss are denied as moot.

It is so ORDERED.

C.J. Maupin J. J. Shearing Yα J. J. Rose Agosti J. J. Leavitt

¹See NRS 34.160 (stating that a writ of mandamus may be issued to compel the performance of an act which the law especially enjoins as a duty resulting from an office, trust or station); NRS 293.482(1)(b) ("[T]he result of the voting on the [advisory] question does not place any legal requirement on the governing body or any officer of the political subdivision."); <u>Smith v. District Court</u>, 107 Nev. 674, 818 P.2d 849 (1991) (stating that the issuance of a writ of mandamus is purely discretionary with this court); <u>Bailey v. Baker</u>, 696 S.W.2d 255, 256 (Tex. App. 1985) (denying a mandamus petition because of an unjustified delay in seeking relief).

²See NRAP 21(b).

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