

**FINANCE COMMISSION OF TEXAS,
CREDIT UNION COMMISSION OF
TEXAS, and TEXAS BANKERS
ASSOCIATION,
Appellants,**

vs.

**ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS FOR REFORM
NOW (ACORN), VALERIE NORWOOD,
ELSIE SHOWS, MARYANN ROBLES-
VALDEZ, BOBBY MARTIN, PAMELA
COOPER, and CARLOS RIVAS
Appellees.**

§ **IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**
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§ **FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT**
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§ **AUSTIN, TEXAS**

JOINT MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

All Appellants and Appellees (collectively, the "Parties") join in this motion for additional time for oral argument, and would respectfully show the Court the following:

This case is set for submission on oral argument at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, before a panel consisting of Chief Justice Law and Justices Puryear and Henson. This case is the third and final case that will be submitted at that time. Because this case presents numerous questions of first impression for this court, the Parties request that each side be granted ten additional minutes (for a total of twenty additional minutes) to ensure sufficient time for argument.

In support of this motion, the Parties would highlight the following facts:

Home equity lending has only existed in Texas since 1997 and, therefore, there are few cases that interpret the home equity provisions in the Texas Constitution ("constitution"). In 2003 the constitution was amended to allow the Legislature to

delegate to one or more state agencies the power to interpret Subsections (a)(5)-(a)(7), (e)-(p), and (t), of Section 50 of the constitution. The interpretations at issue in this case were issued in 2003 and this case was filed shortly after the interpretations were issued. To the best of the parties' knowledge, this case is the first judicial challenge to any agency interpretations of the home equity loan provisions in the constitution. Given the complexity of the seven issues raised by the Parties, the diverse interests of the Parties, and the unique and multifaceted questions of law raised in this appeal, the Parties request that the Court grant the parties ten additional minutes per side for oral argument.

PRAYER

Texas Bankers Association, Finance Commission of Texas, Credit Union Commission of Texas, Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), Valerie Norwood, Elsie Shows, MaryAnn Robles-Valdez, Bobby Martin, Pamela Cooper and Carlos Rivas respectfully requests that the Court grant their Joint Motion for Additional Time for Oral Argument and grant the parties ten additional minutes per side for oral argument.

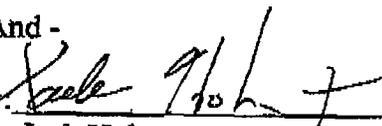
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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that on January 9, 2006, counsel for Texas Bankers Association contacted lead counsel for all parties to discuss the merits of this motion. The attorneys contacted stated that they do not oppose this motion and join in the motion. Accordingly, this unopposed joint motion is presented to the court for determination.



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