SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO 101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800 FILED IN THE Denver, Colorado 80203 SUPREME COURT **Original Proceeding** Pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. §1-40-107(2) OF THE STREET Appeal from the Ballot Title Board In the Matter of the Title, Ballot Title, and Submission Clause for Proposed Initiative 2011-2012 #78 ("Religious Freedom") ▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲ SIL-18 desmissed Petitioners: REV. JASON HAYS and KRISTY MILLIGAN **Respondents: TOM MINNERY and MICHAEL NORTON** and Title Board: SUZANNE STAIERT; DANIEL **DOMENICO**; and JASON GELENDER Attorneys for Petitioners: Mark G. Grueskin, #14621 Heizer Paul Grueskin LLP Case No. 12SA116 2401 15th Street, Suite 300 Denver, CO 80202 Telephone: 303-376-3703 (direct) Telephone: 303-595-4747 Facsimile: 303-595-4750

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR REVIEW OF FINAL ACTION OF BALLOT TITLE SETTING BOARD CONCERNING PROPOSED INITIATIVE 2011-2012 #78 ("RELIGIOUS FREEDOM")

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Rev. Jason Hays and Kristy Milligan ("Petitioners"), registered electors of the State of Colorado, through their undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully give notice to this Court that Petitioners are withdrawing the Petition for Review of Final Action of Ballot Title Setting Board Concerning Proposed Initiative 2011-2012 #78 (""Religious Freedom") because the designated representatives of that measure have notified the Secretary of State they have withdrawn it from the current election cycle's petition process. *See* attached letter.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of May, 2012.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR REVIEW OF FINAL ACTION OF BALLOT TITLE SETTING BOARD CONCERNING PROPOSED INITIATIVE 2011-2012 #78 ("RELIGIOUS FREEDOM")** was served via U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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**Elections Division** 

Re: Proposed Initiative 2011-2012 #78, concerning religious freedom

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the proponents of Proposed Initiative 2011-2012 #78, Tom Minnery and Michael J. Norton, I hereby give notice of the withdrawal of Proposed Initiative 2011-2012 #78. The proponents will not be pursuing the petition process during this calendar year.

Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information. The

Sincerely,

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