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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Maria M. Gonzalez, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
State of Arizona, Jan Brewer, in her
official capacity as Secretary of State of
the state of Arizona; et al.,
Defendants.

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.,
et al.
Plaintiffs,
vs.
Jan Brewer, in her official capacity as
Secretary of State of Arizona,
Defendants.

) CV 06-1268-ROS (Lead)
) CV 06-1362-JAT (Cons)

ORDER

Pending is Plaintiffs Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., League of Women Voters
of Arizona, Hopi Tribe, League of United Latin American Citizens, Arizona Advocacy
Network, People for the American Way Foundation, Latino Voting Rights Coalition, and
Rep. Steve M. Gallardo's ("ITCA Plaintiffs") Motion To Consolidate filed on May 24, 2006

1 (Doc. #20). ITCA Plaintiffs seek to consolidate Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, et al., v.
2 Brewer, Case No. CV 06-1362, with this action.

3 Pursuant to LRCiv 42.1, consolidation is appropriate when two or more cases are
4 pending before different Judges and any party believes that such cases, "arise from
5 substantially the same transaction or event, involve substantially the same parties or property,
6 . . . [or] calls for determination of substantially the same questions of law." ITCA Plaintiffs
7 argue that consolidation is appropriate, because the related case arises out of the same events,
8 asserts nearly identical claims against similar defendants, and calls for common questions of
9 law and fact. Plaintiff Gonzales filed a notice of agreement with the Motion To Consolidate
10 (Doc. #23). No other party responded.

11 The Court finds consolidation to be appropriate, because each of the cases involves
12 substantially the same question of law and fact and similar defendants. Because the ITCA
13 Plaintiffs indicated a desire to partake in the expedited briefing schedule set forth on May 17,
14 2006, there should be no delay.¹ If heard by different judges, the related case would entail
15 substantial duplication of effort. Thus, judicial economy favors consolidation.

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17 Accordingly,

18 **IT IS ORDERED** that the ITCA Plaintiffs' Motion To Consolidate (Doc. #20) is
19 granted. All future filings in Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, et al., v. Brewer, Case No. CV
20 06-1362, shall be filed in CV 06-1268;

21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the ITCA Plaintiffs will be permitted to
22 participate in the expedited briefing schedule set forth on May 17, 2006.

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27 ¹ Plaintiffs' Reply is due on June 5, 2006.

1 Accordingly,

2 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all parties shall appear at the TRO hearing on
3 June 9, 2006.

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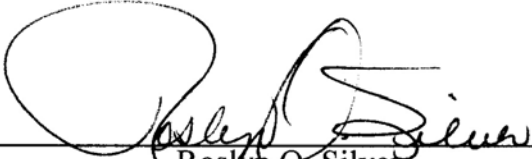
5 DATED this 6th day of June, 2006.

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Roslyn O. Silver
United States District Judge

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