



1       respective regions.<sup>2</sup> Each corporation here listed serves as a leader on voting  
2 issues for the people of their respective regions.

3           The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide Native  
4 organization in Alaska. Its membership includes 178 federally recognized tribes  
5 and village corporations, 13 regional Native corporations and 12 regional nonprofits  
6 and tribal consortia. Its stated mission is “to enhance and promote the cultural,  
7 economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community.”<sup>3</sup> First  
8 Alaskans Institute is a non-profit charitable organization whose mission is to  
9 “[a]dvance Alaska Natives through community engagement, information and  
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14 2 Each amicus has a website describing their mission and relationship to their  
15 membership:

16 AHTNA, Inc: [http://www.ahtna-inc.com/about\\_ahtna.html](http://www.ahtna-inc.com/about_ahtna.html);

17 The Aleut Corporation:

18 [http://www.aleutcorp.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=1&Itemid=2](http://www.aleutcorp.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=1&Itemid=2);

19 Bering Straits Native Corporation: <http://www.beringstraits.com/>;

20 Bristol Bay Native

21 Corporation: [http://www.bbnc.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=4&Itemid=7](http://www.bbnc.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=4&Itemid=7);

22 Koniag, Inc.:

23 [http://www.koniag.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/KON092-Core-Values-Poster\\_v4-FINAL-LR.pdf](http://www.koniag.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/KON092-Core-Values-Poster_v4-FINAL-LR.pdf)

24 MTNT, Ltd.: <http://www.mtnt.net/aboutus.html>

25 Tanana Chiefs Conference: [http://www.tananachiefs.org/history\\_tcc.shtm](http://www.tananachiefs.org/history_tcc.shtm)

26 (all visited February 16, 2012).

27           3 See [www.nativefederation.org](http://www.nativefederation.org) (visited February 16, 2012).

1 research, collaboration and research development.”<sup>4</sup> Both of these organizations  
2 were heavily involved in the redistricting process and provided seminars and  
3 information sessions for their members.

4 All Amici represent members of the protected class of Alaska Natives and  
5 accordingly share an interest in ensuring that the mandates of the Voting Rights Act  
6 of 1965 (as amended 1975) are followed and properly applied to the redistricting  
7 process. Amici submit the attached memorandum not to advocate for one result or  
8 one plan over another; rather Amici are concerned that the superior court has  
9 committed two very significant legal errors in its conclusions number 7 and 8  
10 regarding the importance of avoiding the unnecessary pairing of minority  
11 incumbents. Amici reviewed the petitions for review filed by the parties and  
12 discovered that neither has briefed this issue for this court. Accordingly, Amici  
13 respectfully request that the court allow them to participate as amici curiae and  
14 accept the memorandum on the mandates of Sections 2 and 5 of the Voting Rights  
15 Act filed herewith.

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19 DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012

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21 By: 

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25 4 See [www.firstalaskans.org](http://www.firstalaskans.org) (visited February 17, 2012).

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