IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA EASTERN DISTRICT

JOAN KRAJEWSKI. : No. 566 EAL 2012

Respondent

: Petition for Allowance of Appeal from the

: Order of the Superior Court

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FRED PAUL GUSOFF, JOHN SCANLON, PHILLY ONLINE LLC, PHILADELPHIA NEWSPAPERS, LLC, DBA BROAD STREET COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS, AND BROAD STREET PUBLISHING LLC,

Petitioners

<u>ORDER</u>

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 29th day of August, 2013, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issues, as stated by Petitioner, are:

- a. May a Philadelphia City Councilwoman recover for defamation based on an editorial, political cartoon, and letter to the editor that criticized her for accepting and keeping a \$300,000 "DROP" retirement payment from the City (without actually retiring) at a time when the City was so financially distressed that a treasured library in her district was forced to close?
- b. Does Pennsylvania recognize a cause of action for false light invasion of privacy by an elected official for publications discussing her public, not private, actions?
- c. If Pennsylvania recognizes a false light invasion of privacy claim in such circumstances, may the claim proceed where the court has found that the First Amendment bars a defamation action based on the same publications?

Mr. Justice McCaffery did not participate in the consideration of this matter.