

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 1:18-CV-80771-ROSENBERG

ROBERT W. OTTO, PH.D. LMFT,
individually and on behalf of his patients,
& JULIE H. HAMILTON, PH.D., LMFT,
individually and on behalf of her patients,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF BOCA RATON, FLORIDA, &
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH, FLORIDA,

Defendants.

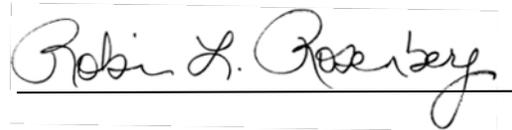
**ORDER OF REFERENCE AND GRANTING
PERMISSION TO FILE MOTIONS ON MOOTNESS**

This **CAUSE** comes before the Court upon the Parties' Joint Notice of Case Procedural Proposal. DE 171. In the Joint Notice, the parties disagree over (1) whether the case is moot, *see id.* at 4, 6; (2) whether the Court should permit discovery on the issue of mootness, *see id.* at 4, 8; and (3) whether Plaintiffs should be permitted to amend their Complaint, *see id.* at 3, 8–9. Defendant requests that the Court permit the parties to brief the issue of mootness. *Id.* at 7–8. Because the Court agrees that further briefing on mootness would be helpful to resolve the matter, the Court grants Defendant's request to permit the parties to brief the issue of mootness.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72 and the Magistrate Judge Rules of the Local Rules of the Southern District of Florida, the aforementioned issues in the above-captioned case are referred for appropriate disposition to **United States Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart**, and, as a result, the parties may brief the issue of mootness before Judge Reinhart. If

Plaintiffs request discovery on the issue of mootness, *see* DE 171 at 4, Judge Reinhart shall determine whether discovery is warranted and the scope of discovery, if warranted. Additionally, Judge Reinhart shall determine whether Plaintiffs should be permitted to amend their Complaint.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Florida, this 31st day of August, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robin L. Rosenberg", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and includes a large, stylized initial "R".

ROBIN L. ROSENBERG
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies furnished to Counsel of Record