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15 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**
16 **FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

17 LAURIE AGUILERA, a registered voter in
18 Maricopa County, Arizona; DONOVAN
19 DROBINA, a registered voter in Maricopa
20 County, Arizona;

21 *Plaintiffs,*

22 v.

23 ADRIAN FONTES, in his official capacity as
24 Maricopa County Recorder; CLINT
25 HICKMAN, JACK SELLERS, STEVE
26 CHUCRI, BILL GATES AND STEVE
27 GALLARDO, in their official capacities as
28 members of the Maricopa County Board of
Supervisors; MARICOPA COUNTY, a
political subdivision of the State of Arizona;

Defendants.

Superior Ct. Case No. CV2020-014562

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Superior Ct. Judge: Hon. Margaret Mahoney

Plaintiffs Laurie Aguilera and Donovan Drobina (“**Plaintiffs**”) hereby give notice of appeal to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, from a final judgment entered in the above-captioned matter on November 30, 2020, in which the Court dismissed all of

1 Plaintiffs' claims and, in the alternative, denied relief on the merits as to all of Plaintiffs'
2 claims. This judgment is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

3 Appeal is specifically taken from the dismissal of, and denial of the prospective
4 relief sought, concerning the sixth cause of action in Plaintiff's Verified Complaint,¹
5 attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

6 Appeal is further taken from all other portions of the judgment or any other
7 decision by the Court related in any way to that cause of action as well as from the denial
8 of attorneys' fees and costs.

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10 Respectfully submitted this 28th day of December, 2020

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19 conformity with the applicable rule of procedure.

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28 ¹ Failure to Comply with the Election Procedures Manual – Failure to Allow for Public Access.

Exhibit A

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HONORABLE MARGARET R. MAHONEY

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LAURIE AGUILERA, et al.

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v.

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JUDGE MAHONEY

CASE DISMISSED

“There’s nothing perfect in this world, including voting systems.”

So testified Plaintiffs’ voting systems expert Dr. Sneeringer¹ during the Hearing² in response to the question “To your knowledge, does a perfect voting system exist?” Dr.

¹ W. James Sneeringer received his B.S. in Mathematics from Duke University, and his Ph.D. in Computer Science from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He testified to having 20 years of experience examining voting systems for the state of Texas. (Hearing Exh. “32”.) Over those years, Dr. Sneeringer conducted 60 to 70 examinations of 10 different voting systems, although he never examined either Maricopa County’s actual voting system, or the Dominion Voting Systems, Democracy Suite 5.5-B, which Maricopa County uses in its elections. Dr. Sneeringer testified that in the course of conducting those 60 to 70 voting systems examinations, he had never come across a perfect voting system.

² On 11/20/2020, from approximately 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, by agreement of the parties, this Court held a proceeding (the “Hearing”) which combined (1) the evidentiary hearing on Plaintiffs’ Complaint; and (2) oral argument on two Motions to Dismiss, one filed by the Maricopa County Defendants (collectively, “Defendants”) and the other filed by Intervenor Arizona Democratic Party (“Intervenor” or “ADP”).

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Sneeringer's opinion, while seemingly neither controversial nor original as to the lack of perfection in the world, directly contradicts the linchpin of Plaintiffs' Complaint³.

Plaintiffs' Complaint, stating six causes of action, contains a modest 13.5 pages of explanatory text. Within those pages, Plaintiffs assert 13 separate times that Arizona law requires and guarantees to its voters perfection in the voting process in this State, and that Plaintiffs were harmed as a legal matter by being deprived of a perfect process.

Specifically, Plaintiffs claim:

- the ballot casting and tabulating process did not occur with "perfect accuracy";
- the tabulation machines did not "both automatically and perfectly read and record" all ballots and did not count votes "perfectly";
- every tabulator was not a "perfectly accurate machine"; and
- all votes were not "counted via a fully automated and perfect process."

(Complaint at 2:8, 4:28, 6:15, 7:6, 7:21, 7:28, 8:18-19, 8:21, 9:9, 11:23-24, 11:25-26, 12:2, and 12:23-24.)

THE COURT FINDS the law cannot provide, nor does it guarantee, perfection.

This Court could not locate the word "perfect," or a derivative thereof, in the Arizona Secretary of State's 2019 Elections Procedures Manual ("EPM") (Hearing Exh.⁴ "23"). Likewise, the Court is not aware of, and no party has brought to the Court's attention, any Arizona elections or voting statute containing the word "perfect" or a variation thereof.

The Complaint states that it is brought by "two individuals who experienced difficulties voting on election day." (Complaint ¶ 1.1.)

³ Plaintiffs Laurie Aguilera ("Aguilera") and Donovan Drobina ("Drobina") (collectively, "Plaintiffs") filed a Verified Complaint ("Complaint") on 11/12/2020. Although the Complaint is required to be verified, only Aguilera verified the Complaint; Drobina did not. Aguilera explicitly limits her Verification as follows: "My knowledge of course being limited to the facts of my particular circumstances." (*Id.*, second sentence.) Aguilera's particular circumstances are not the same circumstances Drobina experienced. In addition, Drobina's Declaration (Exh. "D" to Complaint) does not verify the Complaint, and was dated 11/4/2020 which date is well before 11/12/2020 when the Complaint herein was both dated and filed, but 11/4/2020 is consistent with the date these Plaintiffs filed an earlier Complaint in CV2020-014083 ("*Aguilera I*"). Further, in the final paragraph of both of Drobina's Declarations (attached to Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint in *Aguilera I* and Exh. "D" to the Complaint herein), Drobina states expressly that "Kolodin Law Group PLLC is not my attorney," yet Kolodin Law Group PLLC appears in the Complaint herein as counsel representing Drobina and likewise Kolodin Law Group PLLC has appeared on Drobina's behalf at all proceedings throughout the entirety of both this matter and *Aguilera I*.

⁴ Unless otherwise noted, all exhibits referenced hereinafter are to exhibits received in evidence during the Hearing.

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Plaintiff Aguilera asserts that she was unable to successfully cast her ballot in person at the polls on 11/3/2020, Election Day. (*Id.* ¶ 1.2.) Aguilera testified⁵ that on Election Day, she and her husband Damian Aguilera went together to vote in person at the Sheraton Hotel at 26th Avenue and Dunlap in Phoenix. Aguilera's husband testified that he voted without incident just ahead of his wife. Aguilera testified that when she inserted her completed ballot into the tabulator machine, the tabulator screen did not light up or make any noise. Poll workers who came to assist Aguilera thought the tabulator looked as though it was ready to receive another ballot and told Aguilera she needed to vote again. When Aguilera began the process of doing so by scanning in her identification at the check-in kiosk, the kiosk indicated that she had already cast her ballot and gave her the option to cancel the ballot.

Aguilera elected to do so, but before she could proceed further, a poll worker returned and told Aguilera and the other poll worker attending Aguilera: "I just got off the phone. Her ballot's in the box. It will be counted tonight." Consequently, Aguilera was not permitted to cast a second ballot as her first ballot "was in the box" and would be counted later.

Aguilera's husband later checked the Maricopa County Recorder's website for his ballot status which, under the heading "My Ballot Status," showed a message reading "11/3/2020. You voted on Election Day. Your vote was counted." (Exh. "2".) Aguilera checked her ballot status on the website and the section under "My Ballot Status" was blank. (*Id.*) When asked what date she checked the website and took the screenshot that is Exhibit "2," Aguilera testified "I don't remember the date. A couple of weeks maybe. A week – I don't know. A couple of weeks ago." She had not checked the website on the day of the Hearing.

Aguilera is concerned that perhaps her ballot in fact was not processed and counted, contrary to what the poll workers told her would happen. Further, Aguilera also testified that even if her ballot was in fact counted, but was counted by a human being rather than a machine, she would not be satisfied because she has "no way of verifying that."

Plaintiff Drobina described a different scenario. Drobina acknowledges that he cast his ballot in person at the polls on Election Day at Arrowhead Town Center in Glendale, but the "tabulation machine ['tabulator'] was unable to automatically read and tabulate his ballot with perfect accuracy as the law required." (*Id.* ¶ 1.3.) The tabulator did not automatically accept Drobina's completed ballot the first two times he inserted it into the tabulator and therefore, he deposited his completed ballot into Tray 3 of the tabulator. Ballots from Tray 3⁶ are processed later

⁵ No poll worker or other witness testified to any of the details relating to Aguilera's or Drobina's specific experiences on Election Day, such that the descriptions provided of same are all from Plaintiffs' memories alone.

⁶ Witness Scott Jarrett, Director of Election Day and Emergency Voting for the Maricopa County Election Department, referred to "misread ballots" as ballots that a tabulator would not accept, in which case the tabulator would feed the

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and if further attempts at a tabulator reading a ballot are unsuccessful, then a human being manually reviews the ballot to determine voter intent and count the ballot (“Adjudication”). Drobina objects to a human review of his ballot as inferior to a machine review.

Drobina acknowledges that he did in fact receive confirmation on the County Recorder’s website that his ballot had been counted. (Exh. “3”.)

The evidence established that any number of issues may cause a tabulator to not be able to read a ballot, including stray marks, overvotes⁷, blanks, unclear marks, tears, wrinkles, stains, or other damage. (E.g., Exhs. “51” and “24”.) If this occurs, the voter is given the option to “spoil”⁸ her ballot and cast a new ballot, or she may decline to spoil her ballot and choose instead to let the original ballot go forward as is. (Exh. “51”.)

Drobina complains that he prefers that a tabulator machine, rather than a human, reads his ballot and he asserts that Arizona law requires that to happen as Arizona uses tabulator machines. There is no contention that a human reviewing a ballot would ever know *who* cast the ballot as the parties all agree that a ballot contains no information as to the voter’s identity, consistent with Arizona law requiring that ballots be secret. A.R.S. § 16-446(B)(1). Consequently, once a ballot has been cast, given the absence of any voter identification information on a ballot, the ballot cannot be “married” to, or tied back to, a specific voter. No party disputes this fact which the evidence established fully. Thus, it is physically impossible to locate, for any purpose, the ballots that were cast by Aguilera and Drobina on 11/3/2020.

In the normal course, Arizona law provides for ballots that cannot be read by tabulators for various reasons to be “adjudicated” by humans. An alternative to such human involvement is of course that a ballot which the machine cannot read will simply not be counted. That result disadvantages everyone, primarily the disenfranchised voter, but also the electorate, the candidates on the ballot, and the election process. Plaintiffs assert however that “[h]uman beings are by nature fallible and imperfect” (Complaint ¶ 4.14) and therefore inferior to machines, which Plaintiffs assert are infallible and “perfectly accurate.”

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS no evidence established that machines are infallible or perfectly accurate. In fact, Plaintiffs’ assertions in this respect are starkly disproven by the very events that bring Plaintiffs to this Court, i.e., Plaintiffs’ claims that the ballots they completed and cast could not be read by the tabulator machines into which Plaintiffs inserted their completed ballots. Either Plaintiffs marked or handled their ballots in a manner that caused the tabulators to

ballot back out of the machine to the voter. The voter then could opt to spoil his ballot or have it fed into Drawer 3, also referred to as the “misread bin” by witness Joshua Banko, a former Elections Department clerk.

⁷ An “overvote” results when a voter marks more votes than allowed. (Exh. “51”.)

⁸ A “spoiled” ballot is one a voter chooses not to have counted. (Exh. “51”.)

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not be able to read them, or the tabulators experienced some problem that interfered with the machines' ability to do so. It is after all the fallible and imperfect humans who complete ballots, providing opportunity for the voter him or herself to cause inadvertently the very situation that prevents the ballot from being readable by the machine⁹. Similarly, it is not genuinely debatable that machines at times can and do malfunction, break down, and experience problems operating as designed and expected. In sum, Plaintiffs' underlying, explicitly asserted premise that voting machines are, or are required by law to be, always perfectly accurate is simply not credible, reasonable or provable.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS Plaintiffs' failure to establish the core premise of their Complaint – that machines are always infallible and perfect, and that the law requires same – defeats Plaintiffs' claim that they were deprived of a perfect process when the tabulators could not read their ballots automatically and with perfect accuracy. A flawless election process is not a legal entitlement under any statute, EPM rule, or other authority identified by the parties or otherwise known to the Court. Rather, a perfect process is an illusion.

Plaintiffs' first sentence of their Complaint states "Plaintiffs are two individuals who experienced difficulties voting on election day." Plaintiffs thereafter contradict themselves in footnote 1 on page 8 ("Footnote 1") which reads "References to plaintiffs should also be taken to refer to those Maricopa County voters who experienced similar issues." In *Aguilera I*, Plaintiffs Aguilera and Drobina indicated an intention to certify a class of voters purportedly harmed by using Sharpie markers on their ballots and to proceed with that matter as a class action. No such certification occurred as Plaintiffs voluntarily and shortly dismissed *Aguilera I*. In this matter, class certification has not been requested. Therefore, in this cause, contrary to Footnote 1, no evidence or claims are properly before the Court concerning possible grievances of any unidentified voters.

Perhaps related to Footnote 1, Plaintiffs called as a Hearing witness Joshua Banko ("Banko"), a former Elections Department clerk who worked on Election Day at the polling location at the Paradise Valley Mall, Entrance 4, in Phoenix. The crux of Banko's testimony was that during the voting at the Paradise Valley Mall on Election Day, he observed issues with the two tabulator machines used at that site accepting ballots from "approximately 80%" of the voters at that location.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS Banko's testimony unhelpful to the issues before the Court for two primary reasons.

⁹ Plaintiffs both testified that they completed their respective ballots perfectly, dismissing the possibility that anything they may have done or not done to their ballots caused the problems they experienced. **THE COURT FINDS** such uncorroborated testimony unpersuasive as both wholly conclusory and self-serving.

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First, the two specific tabulator machines that Banko testified had issues were not the same tabulators either Aguilera or Drobina used because Banko, Aguilera and Drobina were at three different polling sites on Election Day, each of which location had its own separate tabulator machines.

Second, Banko's description of what he saw and how clearly he could see the marks on various ballots of voters was unreliable. During Election Day, Banko's various assignments included manning the drop box for early voting ballots, acting as a registration clerk, and handling the on-demand ballot printers. Banko contends that he could see, often from a distance, that there were no extraneous votes or lines on the ballots and that the bubbles seemed to be filled in completely and appropriately by the voters who nevertheless were having issues. Banko also assumed he knew which portions of the voters' ballots allowed one or more votes because he himself lived "in proximity" to this polling location and many of the voters' residences were also "in proximity" to this site. While acknowledging that he was "obviously doing other tasks," Banko thinks he got a "good look" at 10 ballots and "a look" at another 15 ballots at least, while he was stationed throughout the polling site. Banko testified that voters having issues were showing their ballots to the Marshall or the Inspector, whose jobs involved addressing such issues. It was not Banko's job to examine the ballot of a voter with an issue. Despite Banko's limited exposure to the voters' ballots, Banko testified that all of "[t]he ballots were in pristine condition."

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS no probative value to Banko's testimony which was unspecific, categorical, appeared largely speculative and untrustworthy, and was not material to the voting experiences Aguilera and Drobina had at their separate voting locations.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS to the extent Banko's testimony was intended to show that the tabulators at one site, different from the polling locations where Plaintiffs voted, experienced problems on Election Day, such evidence directly undercuts Plaintiffs' claims that voting machines are reliably perfect. In addition, the uncontroverted Certificates of Accuracy (Exhs. "45" and "46") verified that successful Logic and Accuracy Tests of the 2020 General Election Combined Voting Equipment were conducted in Phoenix on 10/6/2020, in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-449, and post-election on 11/18/2020.

A.R.S. § 16-446, *Specifications of electronic voting system*, provides in pertinent part:

A. An electronic voting system consisting of a voting or marking device in combination with vote tabulating equipment shall provide facilities for voting for candidates at both primary and general elections.

B. An electronic voting system shall:

1. **Provide for voting in secrecy** when used with voting booths.

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2. Permit each elector to vote at any election for any person for any office whether or not nominated as a candidate, to vote for as many persons for an office as the elector is entitled to vote for and to vote for or against any question on which the elector is entitled to vote, **and the vote tabulating equipment shall reject choices recorded on the elector's ballot if the number of choices exceeds the number that the elector is entitled to vote for the office or on the measure.**
3. **Prevent the elector from voting for the same person more than once for the same office.**
4. Be suitably designed for the purpose used and be of durable construction, and may be used safely, efficiently and accurately in the conduct of elections and counting ballots.
5. **Be provided with means for sealing the voting or marking device against any further voting after the close of the polls and the last voter has voted.**
6. **When properly operated, record correctly and count accurately every vote cast.**
7. **Provide a durable paper document that visually indicates the voter's selections, that the voter may use to verify the voter's choices, that may be spoiled by the voter if it fails to reflect the voter's choices and that permits the voter to cast a new ballot. This paper document shall be used in manual audits and recounts.**

(Emphasis added.)

As to relief requested, Aguilera requests to be able "to cast a new ballot." (Complaint at 12:10-11.) Such relief is not legally available to Aguilera. Aguilera cast one ballot and cannot lawfully cast another. In addition, once the polls have closed on Election Day, further voting is prohibited. A.R.S. § 16-446(B)(5).

Plaintiffs both seek as part of their requested relief the opportunity to attend the tabulation/adjudication process in person to watch it live and up close now and possibly in the future. Plaintiffs seek an injunction that "require[es] the opening [of] the location where electronic adjudication is taking place to the public in further elections, as well as during any additional electronic adjudication that takes place this election (e.g., as a result of a recount)." (Complaint at 15:4-7.) Plaintiffs contend that the Electronic Adjudication Addendum to the 2019 EPM¹⁰ (Exh. "24") at § (D), entitled *Electronic Vote Adjudication Procedures*, justifies such an Injunction where it states "1. The electronic adjudication of votes must be performed in a secure location, preferably in the same location as the EMS¹¹ system, but **open to public viewing.**" (Complaint ¶

¹⁰ As agreed by all parties, the EPM has the force of law. A.R.S. § 16-452(C); *Arizona Public Integrity Alliance v. Fontes*, 2020 WL 6495694 (Ariz. Nov. 5, 2020 ¶ 16).

¹¹ "EMS" is the election management system.

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4.42, emphasis added.) Specifically, Plaintiffs assert that “Defendants failed to open the location where electronic adjudication occurs to the public.” (Complaint, ¶ 4.43.)

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS the relief requested is not appropriate or feasible for several reasons. First, the adjudication of votes had been completed by or on the date of the Hearing. Second, the uncontested evidence established that the public is able to view the adjudication process on an Elections Department website which broadcasts to the public these very Election Department activities, yet both Plaintiffs testified that they had not even looked at the website. Although Plaintiffs’ counsel argued that the website’s camera view was distant or in some fashion inadequate to satisfy Plaintiffs, this was argument of counsel since Plaintiffs had never actually availed themselves of the website viewing opportunity to know personally what was visible or whether it was satisfactory.

Third, the Court questions a process which permits anyone other than the authorized personnel hired/appointed to do so, to view a ballot in the fine detail Plaintiffs desire. Disclosing the details of another voter’s ballot to a member of the public offends ballot secrecy. If Aguilera or Drobina had asked to watch closely in some manner the adjudication or processing of *her or his own ballot*, secrecy would not be an issue. However, because, as all parties agree, it is impossible to associate a ballot, once cast, with any specific voter, neither Plaintiff could have watched her/his own ballot being processed or adjudicated. Furthermore, **THE COURT FINDS** Plaintiffs did not establish that the public website fails to satisfy the Electronic Adjudication Addendum § (D)(1) requirement that adjudication be “open to public viewing”.

In the Motions to Dismiss, Defendants and Intervenor contend that the Complaint should be dismissed under the doctrine of laches. The Court disagrees.

The defense of laches is available in election challenges. *Harris v. Purcell*, 193 Ariz. 409, 412, 973 P.2d 1166, 1169 (1998); *Mathieu v. Mahoney*, 174 Ariz. 456, 458-59, 851 P.2d 81, 83-84 (1993). This doctrine is an equitable counterpart to the statute of limitations, designed to discourage dilatory conduct. *Harris*, 193 Ariz. at 410 n. 2, 973 P.2d at 1167 n. 2. Laches will generally bar a claim when the delay is unreasonable and results in prejudice to the opposing party. *Id.* at 412, 973 P.2d at 1169. ... A laches defense, however, cannot stand on unreasonable conduct alone. *Harris*, 193 Ariz. at 412, 973 P.2d at 1169. A showing of prejudice is also required. *Id.*; *Mathieu*, 174 Ariz. at 459, 851 P.2d at 84. ... The real prejudice caused by delay in election cases is to the quality of decision making in matters of great public importance. *Mathieu*, 174 Ariz. at 460, 851 P.2d at 85. The effects of such delay extend far beyond the interests of the parties. Waiting until the last minute to file an election challenge “places the court in a position of having to steamroll through the delicate legal issues in order to meet the deadline for measures to be placed on

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the ballot.” *Id.* at 459, 851 P.2d at 84 (citation omitted). We repeat our caution that litigants and lawyers in election cases “must be keenly aware of the need to bring such cases with all deliberate speed or else the quality of judicial decision making is seriously compromised.” *Id.* at 460, 851 P.2d at 85. Late filings “deprive judges of the ability to fairly and reasonably process and consider the issues ... and rush appellate review, leaving little time for reflection and wise decision making.” *Id.* at 461, 851 P.2d at 86. It is imperative that we consider fairness not only to those who challenge a ballot initiative, but also to the sponsors who place a measure on the ballot, the citizens who sign petitions, the election officials, and the voters of Arizona. *Harris*, 193 Ariz. at 414, 973 P.2d at 1171.
Sotomayor v. Burns, 199 Ariz. 81, 82-83 ¶¶ 6, 8 and 9 (2000).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS under the circumstances presented that although Plaintiffs could have proceeded more expeditiously, substantial prejudice is not shown and the Court therefore proceeds on the merits¹².

“To gain standing to bring an action, a plaintiff must allege a distinct and palpable injury. *Warth v. Seldin*, 422 U.S. 490, 501, 95 S.Ct. 2197, 2206, 45 L.Ed.2d 343 (1975). An allegation of generalized harm that is shared alike by all or a large class of citizens generally is not sufficient to confer standing. *Id.* at 499, 95 S.Ct. at 2205.” *Sears v. Hull*, 192 Ariz. 65, 69 ¶ 16 (1998).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS Plaintiffs fail to allege harm of the nature required to achieve standing. Plaintiffs both cast their ballots. Plaintiffs both allege that they would prefer the process to be different. A change in the established process goes to the process used with and available to all voters, not uniquely to Aguilera and Drobina.

Recognizing federal law as instructive, the Court in *Arizonans for Second Chances, Rehab., and Pub. Safety v. Hobbs*, 249 Ariz. 396, 471 P.3d 607, 616 ¶ 22 (2020), analyzed redressability, noting that “a party must show that their requested relief would alleviate their alleged injury.” (*Id.* ¶ 25, citing *Bennett v. Napolitano*, 206 Ariz. 520, 525 ¶ 18 (2003).)

For the reasons discussed above, the relief sought by Plaintiffs would not alleviate their alleged injuries in how their ballots were processed and handled. That fully complete process is a locked box, in effect. It is impossible to open the box, to identify or locate Plaintiffs’ ballots, to review or change those ballots, and equally impossible for either Plaintiff to cast another ballot as doing so would contravene Arizona law.

¹² Given the urgency of the compressed time constraints in this and similar election matters, this Court elected, with the parties’ agreement, to hear argument on the Motions to Dismiss simultaneously with hearing the evidence on the relief sought by Plaintiffs in the Complaint. The Court determined that doing otherwise could negatively impact or potentially preclude a timely resolution including appeal for the parties.

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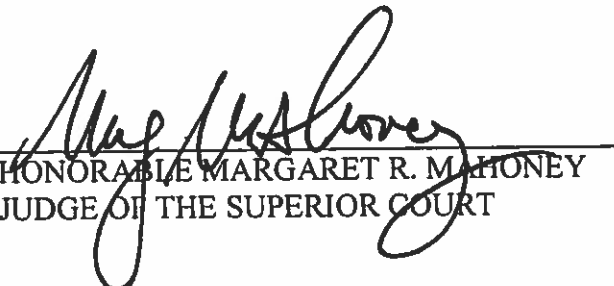
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Plaintiffs have alleged six causes of action, and Defendants and Intervenor have moved to dismiss all of them. The Court has not expressly and individually called out above each of those claims because Plaintiffs' underlying allegations and asserted injuries are one nucleus, on which all claims are founded. None of Plaintiffs' claims survive dismissal for the reasons addressed above. Furthermore, were none of the grounds warranting dismissal of the Complaint on its face upheld, Plaintiffs' evidence did not meet the burden of proof necessary to establish that (1) the tabulators' inability to automatically read Plaintiffs' ballots was caused by Defendants and by the tabulators malfunctioning as opposed to Plaintiffs' completion and/or handling of their ballots; (2) Plaintiffs actually suffered an injury; and (3) Plaintiffs' requested relief is both possible and addresses their perceived injuries.

IT IS ORDERED therefore dismissing with prejudice this action for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, or alternatively, denying the relief sought by Plaintiffs given their failure to produce evidence demonstrating entitlement to same.

As no further matters remain pending, the Court signs this minute entry as a final Judgment entered under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 54(c).


HONORABLE MARGARET R. MAHONEY
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PLEASE NOTE: This Division requires that all motions, responses, replies and other Court filings in this case must be submitted individually. Counsel shall not combine any motion with a responsive pleading. All motions are to be filed separately and designated as such. **No filing will be accepted if filed in combination with another. Additionally, all filings shall be fully self-contained and shall not "incorporate by reference" other separate filings for review and consideration as part of the pending filing.**

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25 GALLARDO, in their official capacities as
26 members of the Maricopa County Board of
27 Supervisors; MARICOPA COUNTY, a
28 political subdivision of the State of Arizona;

Defendants.

Case no.:

CV2020-014562

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

(Expedited Election Matter)

(Order to Show Cause Requested)

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SECTION I

PREFATORY MATTERS

1.1. Plaintiffs are two individuals who experienced difficulties voting on election day.

1.2. Plaintiff Laurie Aguilera showed up to the polls on election day and, despite having the right to do so, was unable to cast a ballot.

1.3. Plaintiff Drobina showed up to the polls on election day and did manage to cast a ballot. However, Defendants' tabulation machine was unable to automatically read and tabulate his ballot with perfect accuracy as the law required.

1.4. Plaintiffs are conscious of the passions that reports of election-day problems have stirred and the wider context of this litigation. However, Plaintiffs do not wish to have this case sensationalized. Rather, they wish to vindicate their rights as Arizona voters to cast a vote that is not only counted, but is counted according to the processes the law requires, in both this and future elections. Accordingly, they take the unusual step of pointing out, as a prefatory matter, what they are not alleging at this time:

A. Plaintiffs are not alleging intentional misconduct on the part of a public official or government worker.

B. Plaintiffs are not alleging that the difficulties they experienced disproportionately impacted any given candidate or party.

C. Neither Plaintiff is alleging that poll-workers in their case "touched the green button," as is at issue in *Trump v. Hobbs*.

SECTION II

PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

2.1. Plaintiff Laurie Aguilera is a natural person registered to vote in Maricopa County.

2.2. Plaintiff Laurie Aguilera is an Arizona citizen and a duly registered voter in Maricopa County, Arizona. She is and was, at all times relevant hereto, a registered voter in Maricopa County not on the early voting list.

2.3. Plaintiff Donovan Drobina is an Arizona citizen and a duly registered voter in Maricopa County, Arizona.

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1 2.4. Does I-X are other individuals similarly impacted. When identified Plaintiffs will
2 seek leave to amend this Complaint to add their true names.

3 2.5. All "Arizona citizens and voters" have standing to challenge violations of election
4 law by public officials. *Ariz. Pub. Integrity All. v. Fontes*, No. CV-20-0253-AP/EL, 2020
5 Ariz. LEXIS 309, at *6-7 (Nov. 5, 2020).

6 2.6. Defendant Adrian Fontes is the Maricopa County Recorder. He is being sued in
7 his official capacity.

8 2.7. Defendants Clint Hickman, Jack Sellers, Steve Chucuri, Bill Gates, and Steve
9 Gallardo are the members of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. They are being
10 sued in their official capacity.

11 2.8. Maricopa County is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona.

12 2.9. All or substantially all of the acts and occurrences giving rise to this Complaint
13 occurred in Maricopa County, Arizona.

14 2.10. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-401(16) an action against public officers shall be brought
15 in the county in which the officer, or one of server officers holds office.

16 2.11. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Article 6, § 14 of the
17 Arizona Constitution, and A.R.S. §§ 12-1801, 12-1803, 12-1831, and 12-2021. Given the
18 looming canvassing, certification, and electoral college deadlines, Plaintiffs seek an order
19 to show cause.

20 2.12. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Article 6, § 14 of the
21 Arizona Constitution, and A.R.S. §§ 12-1801, 12-1803, 12-1831, and 12-2021.

22 **SECTION III**

23 **FACTS**

24 3.1. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the preceding allegations.

25 *Applicable Deadlines*

26 3.2. The Secretary of State (in the presence of the Governor, Attorney General, and
27 Chief Justice) canvasses and certifies results for state and federal offices on the fourth
28 Monday following the election, which is November 30, 2020. A.R.S. 16-642; 648; 650.

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1 3.3. The Governor of Arizona has until December 8 to appoint a slate of presidential
2 electors to the Electoral College. 3 U.S.C. § 5. Thus, the state has until December 8 to
3 resolve controversies over the appointment of electors. *See also*
4 www.archives.gov/electoral-college/state-officials/so-key-dates.

5 3.4. On December 14, the electors cast their votes in the meeting of the Electoral
6 College. 3 U.S.C. § 7.

7 3.5. On January 6, Congress receives and counts the votes from the Electoral College.
8 3 U.S.C. § 15.

9 3.6. Plaintiff Aguilera seeks to have her claim for injunctive relief to allow her vote to
10 be cured adjudicated (with time for appeal) by November 30, 2020. Plaintiffs also seek to
11 have their claim for injunctive relief for public observation of the electronic-adjudication
12 process decided as expeditiously as possible in case there is any recount utilizing this
13 process.

14 3.7. Plaintiffs ideally seek to have their claims for declaratory relief adjudicated (with
15 time for appeal) by the time that Congress receives and counts the votes from the
16 electoral college to allow for the Court’s findings to be considered by Congress.
17 However, if this is not possible, there is still value in deciding these matters in advance of
18 the next election.

19 *How Voter Credits Were Awarded*

20 3.8. In Maricopa County, when election-day voters showed up to the polls, they were
21 checked in by poll-workers on tablet-style devices and their names were then logged into
22 the county’s electronic pollbook.

23 3.9. A ballot was then printed for the voter.

24 3.10. Voters then completed their ballots and inserted their ballots into tabulation
25 machines on site.

26 3.11. When voters follow the instructions of elections officials, those tabulation
27 machines are supposed to automatically scan and tabulate the ballots of election-day
28 voters with perfect accuracy.

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1 3.12. However, upon information and belief, in Maricopa County there is no
2 information on the ballots printed for election-day voters that indicate that specific ballot
3 was given to that specific voter. **Ex. A. [Declaration of former Maricopa County**
4 **Recorder Helen Purcell].**

5 3.13. Upon information and belief, any information that Maricopa County has regarding
6 whose election-day ballots were accurately cast who had their votes “counted” is based
7 solely on the county’s record identifying which voters appeared in-person to vote on
8 election day. **Ex. A.**

9 3.14. Therefore, upon information and belief, in Maricopa County, it would be
10 impossible after election day to ascertain with any certainty whether a particular election-
11 day voter’s ballot was counted much less whether all votes contained on any given ballot
12 were tabulated. **Ex. A.**

13 *Violation of Plaintiff Aguilera's Right to Vote*

14 3.15. Plaintiff Laurie Aguilera voted in person in Maricopa County on election day,
15 November 3, 2020 alongside her husband Damian Aguilera.

16 3.16. Neither Plaintiff Aguilera nor her husband are on the early voting list or received
17 ballots by mail. **Ex. B. [Aguilera family ballot status information].**

18 3.17. When election-day voters like Plaintiff Aguilera showed up to the polls, they were
19 checked in by poll-workers on tablet-style devices and their names were then logged into
20 the county’s electronic pollbook.

21 3.18. Plaintiff Aguilera and her husband were checked-in to the polls by a poll-worker.

22 3.19. Plaintiff Aguilera completed her ballot according to the instructions provided by
23 Defendants.

24 3.20. Plaintiff Aguilera and her husband attempted to feed their ballots into the tabulator
25 as instructed.

26 3.21. Upon information and belief, when a ballot is successfully read and inserted into a
27 tabulator, the tabulator displays a confirmation that the ballot has been accepted on a
28 small digital readout.

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1 3.22. However, while the tabulator seemingly accepted her husband’s ballot without
2 issue, the tabulator failed to display any such confirmation or, upon information and
3 belief, to properly register Plaintiff Aguilera’s ballot.

4 3.23. A poll worker monitoring the tabulator informed Plaintiff Aguilera that this was
5 strange and not part of the normal course of events.

6 3.24. A poll-worker then canceled Plaintiff Aguilera’s check-in on the touchpad at the
7 entrance to the polling-place. The cancel button on the check-in pad is not the same thing
8 as the “green button” at issue in *Trump v. Hobbs*.

9 3.25. Plaintiff Aguilera then requested a new ballot but, upon information and belief,
10 after consulting with the Maricopa County Recorder’s Office, poll workers refused to
11 provide her with one.

12 3.26. As of November 11, 2020, the County’s records indicate as follows with respect to
13 Damian Aguilera: “You voted on Election Day. Your ballot was counted.” However, the
14 County’s records contain no such statement for Plaintiff Aguilera. **Ex. B.**

15 *Violation of Plaintiff Drobina’s Right to Have His Vote Counted by a Perfectly Accurate*
16 *and Fully Automated Process*

17 3.27. Plaintiff Donovan Drobina voted in person in Maricopa County on election day,
18 November 3, 2020.

19 3.28. Plaintiff Drobina was not on the early voting list and did not receive a ballot by
20 mail. **Ex. C. [Drobina ballot status information].**

21 3.29. Plaintiff Drobina was checked-in to the polls by a poll-worker. **Ex. C.**

22 3.30. Plaintiff Drobina completed his ballot according to the instructions provided by
23 Defendants. **Ex. D. [Drobina declaration].**

24 3.31. Plaintiff Drobina then attempted to insert his ballot into the slot at the top of the
25 tabulator and it was rejected. **Ex. D.**

26 3.32. A poll worker had Plaintiff Drobina attempt to put the ballot in the slot at the top
27 of the tabulator twice, and, after it failed to scan both times, the poll worker instructed
28 him to put the ballot in a slot lower down on the tabulator (the “Lower Slot”). **Ex. D.**

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1 3.33. Maricopa County’s records as of November 11, 2020, indicate as follows with
2 respect to Plaintiff Drobina: “You voted on Election Day. Your ballot was counted.” **Ex.**
3 **C.**

4 3.34. However, as discussed above, upon information and belief, this means only that
5 Plaintiff Drobina checked into the polls on election day and has no bearing on whether
6 Mr. Drobina’s vote was automatically read and tabulated with perfect accuracy by
7 Defendants’ tabulation machines.

8 3.35. Upon information and belief, the slot located on top of the tabulators reads and
9 tabulates a given voter’s ballot on site.

10 3.36. Upon information and belief, election-day ballots placed into the Lower Slot are
11 not read and tabulated on site.

12 3.37. Upon information and belief, election-day ballots placed into the Lower Slot are
13 sent to Defendants’ “MCTEC” facility.

14 3.38. Upon information and belief, once they reach the MCTEC facility some or all of
15 the ballots placed in the Lower Slot are subject to manual review by human beings to
16 determine voter intent (“Adjudication”).

17 3.39. Upon information and belief, Defendants’ position is that, after election-day
18 ballots placed into the Lower Slot are taken to the MCTEC facility: (1) another attempt is
19 first made there to run such ballots through tabulation machines, and (2) only those
20 ballots that the tabulation machines at MCTEC are unable to automatically read and
21 tabulate with perfect accuracy, in whole or in part, are subject to manual review by
22 human beings to determine voter intent (“Human Adjudication”).

23 3.40. Regardless of the truth of Defendants’ position, due to the lack of any information
24 on an election-day ballot that could tie that ballot back to a given voter, it is impossible
25 for any particular voter whose ballot has been placed in the Lower Slot to ever know
26 whether their particular ballot was subject, in whole or in part, to Human Adjudication.

27 3.41. Upon information and belief, Defendants’ electronic voting system was also
28 unable to both automatically and perfectly read and record the ballots of at least some

1 other election day voters who followed Defendants' instructions. Ex. E. [Additional
2 declarations].

3 SECTION IV

4 CAUSES OF ACTION

5 4.1. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the preceding allegations.

6 *FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION*

7 *(Failure to Maintain Statutorily Compliant Electronic Voting System)*

8 4.2. Maricopa County utilizes an "electronic voting system" within the meaning of
9 A.R.S. § 16-444(A)(4) wherein "votes are recorded on a paper ballot by means of
10 marking, and such votes are subsequently counted and tabulated by vote tabulating
11 equipment at one or more counting centers."

12 4.3. "Vote tabulating equipment" means "apparatus necessary to *automatically*
13 examine and count votes as designated on ballots and tabulate the results." A.R.S. § 16-
14 444(A)(7) (emphasis supplied).

15 4.4. By statute, the county's electronic voting system must, "When properly operated,
16 record correctly and count accurately every vote cast." A.R.S. § 16-446(B)(6).

17 4.5. In other words, voters have a right to know with certainty that, when they follow
18 the instructions of election officials, their votes will be counted both automatically and
19 perfectly. The acts of Defendants have deprived them of that right.

20 4.6. Plaintiffs¹ properly operated Defendants' electronic voting system but, upon
21 information and belief, it failed to both automatically and perfectly read and record some
22 or all of their votes.

23 4.7. Even if Defendants could prove that the processes they followed ultimately
24 resulted in the selections on Plaintiff Drobina's ballot being properly recorded, the law
25 requires not just that proper result, but that the proper process be followed to get there.

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28 ¹ References to plaintiffs should also be taken to refer to those Maricopa County voters
who experienced similar issues.

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1 4.8. Human Adjudication is a safeguard to be employed when a voter has made a
2 mistake. A ballot cast by a voter who has followed Defendants' instructions should never
3 be subject to human Adjudication.

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5 WHEREFORE Plaintiffs pray:

6 A. For a declaration pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-1831, 41-1034, and other applicable
7 law: That the conduct of Defendants complained of herein constitutes a violation
8 of Plaintiffs' right under Arizona law to have their votes read and tabulated in a
9 fully automated process by a perfectly accurate machine when Plaintiffs operate
10 the Electronic Voting System as instructed.

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12 *SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION*

13 *(Failure to Ensure Maximum Degree of Correctness, Impartiality, and Uniformity of*
14 *Election Procedures)*

15 4.9. By statute Arizona elections are to be conducted so as to ensure the maximum
16 degree of correctness, impartiality, and uniformity of procedures for voting and
17 tabulating ballots. See e.g. A.R.S. §§ 16-449(B), 16-452(A), etc.

18 4.10. Defendants conduct elections in Maricopa County.

19 4.11. The ballots of at least some election-day voters who had properly followed
20 Defendants' instructions, like Plaintiff Aguilera, were rejected by Defendants' on-site
21 tabulators and not counted, while other election-day voters did not experience this issue.

22 4.12. Upon information and belief, unlike Plaintiff Aguilera, some election-day voters
23 whose ballots were rejected by Defendants' on-site tabulators were given new ballots by
24 Defendants' poll-workers.

25 4.13. The ballots of at least some election-day voters who had properly followed
26 Defendants' instructions, like Plaintiff Drobina, were rejected by Defendants' on-site
27 tabulators, and instead taken to MCTEC for further processing while other election-day
28 voters did not experience this issue.

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- 1 4.14. Human beings are by nature fallible and imperfect.
- 2 4.15. Every human being has biases, conscious or unconscious.
- 3 4.16. Upon information and belief, the ballots of at least some election-day voters who
- 4 had properly followed Defendants' instructions, like Plaintiff Drobina, were rejected by
- 5 Defendants' on-site tabulators, and instead subject to Human Adjudication, while other
- 6 election-day voters did not experience this issue.
- 7 4.17. Some, but not all, election-day voters were provided by Defendants with devices
- 8 for marking their ballots that bled through the ballot paper. Upon information and belief,
- 9 this is responsible for at least some of the difficulties described above.
- 10 4.18. Some, but not all, election-day voters were provided by Defendants with wide-
- 11 tipped devices for marking their ballots, while other election day voters were provided
- 12 with narrow-tipped marking devices. Upon information and belief, this is responsible for
- 13 at least some of the difficulties described above.
- 14 4.19. Defendants could have avoided the issues described above by, among other things,
- 15 maintaining a statutorily compliant electronic voting system and providing Plaintiff
- 16 Aguilera with a new ballot.
- 17 4.20. Accordingly, Defendants, in conducting the 2020 general election, did not ensure
- 18 the maximum degree of correctness, impartiality, and uniformity of procedures for voting
- 19 and tabulating ballots.

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21 WHEREFORE Plaintiffs pray:

- 22 A. For a declaration pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-1831, 41-1034, and other applicable
- 23 law: That the conduct of Defendants complained of herein constitutes a
- 24 violation of Defendants' obligation under Arizona law to ensure the maximum
- 25 degree of correctness, impartiality, and uniformity of procedures for voting and
- 26 tabulating ballots.

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THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(A.R.S. Const. Art. II, § 21)

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4.21. A.R.S. Const. Art. II, § 21 provides that “no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage.”

4.22. Upon information and belief, Defendants interfered with and prevented Plaintiff Aguilera’s free exercise of her right of suffrage in that they forced her to use an electronic voting system in which, through no fault of her own, Plaintiff’s ballot was rendered unreadable by the voting system Defendants purchased and utilized.

4.23. Upon information and belief, Defendants interfered with and prevented Plaintiff’s free exercise of her right of suffrage in that after Plaintiff opted to spoil her ballot following its rejection by the scanning tabulator, election workers refused to give Plaintiff a second ballot to mark, thereby denying her the opportunity to cure her ballot and denying her the right to vote.

4.24. In addition, Arizonans possess a right to a “free and equal election” under our state constitution. A.R.S. Const. Art. II, § 21. This right is “implicated when votes are not properly counted.” *Chavez v. Brewer*, 222 Ariz. 309, 320, 214 P.3d 397, 408 (App. 2009) (citing A.R.S. § 16-446(B)(6)).

4.25. Plaintiff Aguilera was entitled to have her vote counted.

4.26. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff Aguilera’s vote was not counted when it should have been.

4.27. Therefore, upon information and belief, Plaintiff Aguilera’s vote was not properly counted.

4.28. Both Plaintiff Aguilera and Plaintiff Drobina were entitled to have their votes both automatically and perfectly read and recorded.

4.29. Proper counting of their votes would have required that Plaintiffs’ votes be read and recorded in an automated fashion by a perfectly accurate machine.

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1 4.30. Upon information and belief, neither Plaintiff Aguilera’s vote nor Plaintiff
2 Drobina’s vote were read and recorded in an automated fashion by a perfectly accurate
3 machine.

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5 WHEREFORE Plaintiffs pray:

6 A. For a declaration pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-1831, 41-1034, and other applicable
7 law: That the conduct of Defendants complained of herein constitutes
8 violations of the rights to suffrage and the proper counting of votes protected
9 by *A.R.S. Const. Art. II, § 21*.

10 B. For injunctive relief allowing Plaintiff Aguilera to cast a new ballot prior to the
11 certification deadline of November 30, 2020.

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13 *FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION*

14 *(A.R.S. Const. Art. II, § 13)*

15 4.31. A.R.S. Const. Art. II, § 21 provides that “No law shall be enacted granting to any
16 citizen, class of citizens, or corporation other than municipal, privileges or immunities
17 which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens or corporations.”

18 4.32. Accordingly, every election-day voter who fills out a ballot according to
19 Defendants’ instructions is entitled to have that ballot treated in the same way.

20 4.33. Because of the official acts of Defendants concerning the administration of the
21 2020 general election complained of herein, some voters, like Plaintiff Aguilera, did not
22 have their ballots counted at all. Meanwhile, some voters, like Plaintiff Drobina, were
23 deprived of the opportunity, afforded to other voters, to have their votes counted via a
24 fully automated and perfect process.

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26 WHEREFORE Plaintiffs pray:

27 A. For a declaration pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-1831, 41-1034, and other applicable
28 law: That the conduct of Defendants complained of herein constitutes

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violations of the rights to have their ballots treated the same as other, similarly situated, voters pursuant to *A.R.S. Const. Art. II, § 13*.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Failure to Comply with the Election Procedures Manual – Failure to Provide Appropriate Opportunities to Correct Mistakes)

4.34. By statute Arizona elections are to be conducted pursuant to the Election Procedures Manual (“EPM”) which has the force of law. A.R.S. § 16-452.²

4.35. Pursuant to the EPM, the ballots and marking devices provided to voters must: “Allow the voter to vote for the candidate or ballot measure of choice, allow the voter to vote for or against as many candidates or ballot measures for which they are entitled to vote, and inform the voter if the number of vote choices exceeds the permitted amount or prevent the voter from selecting more than the permitted number of vote choices[.]” EPM Chapter 4(I)(A)(2)(b)(i)(3) at 79.

4.36. Upon information and belief, the ballot and marking device provided to Plaintiff Aguilera did not allow her to vote for or against any candidates or ballot measures.

4.37. Upon information and belief, the ballot and marking device provided to Plaintiff Drobina did not reveal to him that the tabulation equipment would read overvotes on some or all of the races on his completed ballot.

4.38. Pursuant to the EPM, the ballots and marking devices provided to voters must: “Provide the voter with an opportunity (in a private, secret, and independent manner) to correct any error before the ballot is cast and counted or cast a replacement ballot if the previous ballot is spoiled or unable to be changed or corrected.” EPM Chapter 4(I)(A)(2)(b)(i)(3) at 80.

4.39. Plaintiff Aguilera was not provided with the opportunity to cast a replacement ballot after her previous ballot was spoiled.

²[https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/2019 ELECTIONS PROCEDURES MANUAL APPROVED.pdf](https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/2019_ELECTIONS_PROCEDURES_MANUAL_APPROVED.pdf)

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1 4.40. Upon information and belief, the ballot and marking device provided to Plaintiff
2 Drobina did not reveal to him upon visual inspection that stray marks would cause one or
3 more races on his ballot to be misread by the tabulation equipment. Hence, he was not
4 afforded the opportunity to correct these errors nor was he afforded the opportunity to
5 cast a replacement ballot that would have allowed his voters to be automatically read and
6 tabulated on site.

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8 WHEREFORE Plaintiffs pray:

9 A. For a declaration pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-1831, 41-1034, and other applicable
10 law: That the conduct of Defendants complained of herein and by Plaintiffs
11 constitutes a violation of their obligation under Arizona law to comply with
12 Chapter 4(I)(A)(2)(b)(i)(3) of the EPM.

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14 *SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION*

15 *(Failure to Comply with the Election Procedures Manual – Failure to Allow for Public*
16 *Access)*

17 4.41. In February of 2019, an Electronic Adjudication Addendum (the “Addendum”)
18 was added to the EPM.³

19 4.42. The Addendum provides in pertinent part as follows: “The electronic adjudication
20 of votes must be performed in a secure location, preferably in the same location as the
21 EMS system, but open to public viewing.” Addendum(D)(1) at 3.

22 4.43. Defendants failed to open the location where electronic adjudication occurs to the
23 public.

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25 WHEREFORE Plaintiffs pray:

26 A. For a declaration pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-1831, 41-1034, and other
27 applicable law: That the conduct of Defendants complained of herein and

28 ³[https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/Electronic Adjudication Addendum to the 2019 E
lections Procedures Manual.pdf](https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/Electronic%20Adjudication%20Addendum%20to%20the%202019%20Elections%20Procedures%20Manual.pdf)

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by Plaintiffs constitutes a violation of their obligation to open the location where the electronic adjudication of votes is occurring to the public pursuant to Addendum(D)(1).

B. For injunctive relief requiring the opening the location where electronic adjudication is taking place to the public in further elections, as well as during any additional electronic adjudication that takes place this election (e.g. as a result of a recount).

ADDITIONALLY, Plaintiffs pray:

- A. For their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-2030, 12-348, common law doctrine, and other applicable law.
- B. For such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of November, 2020

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I CERTIFY that a copy of the of the forgoing will be served on Defendants in conformity with the applicable rules of procedure.

By /s/Alexander Kolodin

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My knowledge of course being limited to the facts of my particular circumstances.

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