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ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 9



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Members of the Board,

We are writing to express our strong support for Maricopa County Recorder Justin Heap and to urge you, firmly and unequivocally to stop actions that obstruct, diminish, or undermine the Recorder's ability to perform the duties voters elected him to carry out.

Over the past year, the public has watched a widening and highly public conflict between the Recorder's Office and the Board, including litigation over election authority and resources, disputes over oversight of core election systems and audits, and now public steps to compel sworn testimony alongside rhetoric suggesting potential removal from office. These escalations do not build voter confidence. They erode it.

Let us be clear: any move to remove the elected County Recorder, especially in the context of an ongoing political and operational dispute, would be an extraordinary abuse of process and a direct affront to the electorate. The remedy for disagreement with an elected official is transparency, cooperation, and ultimately the ballot box, not bureaucratic brinksmanship.

If the Board has concerns about budgets, planning, and readiness for upcoming elections, the responsible path is straightforward:

1. Provide the Recorder's Office with the tools, access, staffing, and resources necessary to do the job, and
2. Resolve disputes through orderly, good-faith processes rather than tactics that appear designed to pressure, embarrass, or incapacitate the Recorder's Office.