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RE: DOJ Election Monitors in Maricopa County

Dear Ms. Powers and Ms. Miller:

As you know, County Attorney Rachel Mitchell represents the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") and its Elections Department (the "Department"). I am writing regarding plans by the Department of Justice (the "DOJ") to send election monitors to Maricopa County for the 2026 General Election. The Board and the Department recognize the important work that the DOJ does helping to safeguard the electoral process and ensure that all citizens are able to cast their ballots free from discrimination or unnecessary barriers. Further, the Board and the Department are committed to keeping elections in Maricopa County transparent, free, and equal, as they have always been. Accordingly, the Board and the Department look forward to welcoming the DOJ's election monitors for this upcoming election.

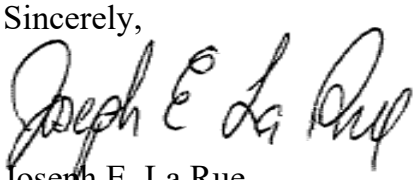
That said, we recently learned that David Levin, who was one of the DOJ's monitors for the 2026 Primary Election in Maricopa County, pled guilty in 2016 to a misdemeanor for an election-related criminal offense. We trust that the DOJ was not aware of his guilty plea prior to sending him as a monitor. I am writing, however, to alert you that the Department will not credential Mr. Levin to be an election monitor for any future election in Maricopa County, including the 2026 General Election.

Additionally, the Department asks that you confirm in writing that the DOJ will not send any election monitors to Maricopa County whom the DOJ knows has a felony conviction of any kind, or a conviction for any election-related criminal offense, in any state in the Union. Because of the necessity of election integrity, as well as the Department's desire to foster trust in elections, this is a condition that the Department requires.

Again, we thank you for your efforts to keep elections across our great Country free and equal and defending the right of every citizen to be able to fairly cast his or her ballot. Your work is an important one, and we look forward to your monitors observing the election in Maricopa County.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Otherwise, I look forward to your written confirmation that the DOJ will not send any election monitors to Maricopa County who the DOJ knows to have been convicted of a felony of any kind, or of any election-related criminal offense, in any state in the Union.

Sincerely,



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