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17 Arizona; and League of Conservation  
Voters, Inc. d/b/a Chispa AZ,  
18 Plaintiffs,

19 and

20 DSCC and DCCC,  
21 Plaintiff-Intervenors,

22 v.

23 Katie Hobbs, in her official capacity as  
Arizona Secretary of State; et al.,

24 Defendants,

25 and

26 RNC and NRSC,  
27 Defendant-Intervenors.

Case No. CV-21-01423-PHX-DWL

**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL  
NON-PARTY THE REPUBLICAN  
PARTY OF ARIZONA  
TO COMPLY WITH THIRD-PARTY  
SUBPOENA TO  
PRODUCE DOCUMENTS  
PURSUANT TO  
FED. R. CIV. P. 37 AND 45**

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1 Pursuant to the Court’s July 7, 2022 Order (ECF No. 158), and Federal Rules of Civil  
2 Procedure 37 and 45, Plaintiffs Mi Familia Vota, Arizona Coalition for Change, Living  
3 United for Change in Arizona, and League of Conservation Voters, Inc. d/b/a Chispa AZ  
4 (jointly, “Plaintiffs”), hereby move the Court for an order compelling the Arizona  
5 Republican Party (“ARP”) to produce documents responsive to the Rule 45 subpoena that  
6 Plaintiffs served on January 10, 2022 (“Subpoena”). *See* Exhibit 1. Plaintiffs have attached  
7 the information required by Local Civil Rule 37.1 as Exhibit 2.<sup>1</sup>

### 8 INTRODUCTION

9 Plaintiffs intend to show that, when enacting the vote-restriction legislation at issue  
10 here, the Arizona legislature acted for the purpose of burdening the rights of voters of color.  
11 ARP—especially its Chairwoman—was a vocal, public advocate for SB 1485 and other  
12 voting restrictions in the wake of the 2020 election. That publicly available evidence also  
13 suggests that the ARP worked hand in glove with elected officials, including Arizona  
14 legislators, in connection with this advocacy. Accordingly, Plaintiffs issued the Subpoena  
15 to ARP, principally seeking documents regarding SB 1485 and similar voting restrictions  
16 that the Arizona legislature recently considered (including SB 1003), the purpose for those  
17 restrictions, and any communications ARP officials or employees may have had with  
18 elected officials regarding them. This information is directly relevant to Plaintiffs’ claims.<sup>2</sup>

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21 <sup>1</sup> All exhibits are attached to the Declaration of Robert Entwisle in Support of Motion to  
22 Compel the Arizona Republican Party to Comply With Subpoena *Duces Tecum* (“Entwisle  
23 Decl.”), filed concurrently in support of this motion.

24 <sup>2</sup> The Subpoena was issued to ARP prior to the Court’s June 24, 2022 Order (ECF No. 154)  
25 (“Motion to Dismiss Op.”) and includes requests for documents relating to both SB 1485  
26 and SB 1003 (together, the “Bills”). Although the Court dismissed Plaintiffs’ challenges to  
27 SB 1003, and its *Anderson/Burdick* challenge to SB 1485, without prejudice, the Court gave  
28 Plaintiffs leave to amend, which Plaintiffs are still exploring. Regardless, both SB 1485 and  
SB 1003 were introduced and advanced through the legislature at almost the same time  
based on the same purported need to enhance election integrity in the wake of the 2020  
presidential election. *See* Argument § I, *infra*. As a result, ARP documents relevant to the  
justifications for both Bills are relevant whether the Arizona legislature was motivated by  
pretextual rationales when considering various voting rights bills, including SB 1485, and

1 ARP has flatly refused to respond to the Subpoena. It has produced no documents.  
2 It has contended that certain Requests are vague or overbroad, but has ignored offers to  
3 address those concerns. And notwithstanding that its Chairwoman repeatedly advocated for  
4 SB 1485 and similar voting restrictions, ARP claims that it has been unable to locate *any*  
5 responsive documents other than (perhaps) documents publicly available on ARP's website.  
6 Given ARP's surprising representation, Plaintiffs asked ARP to describe the searches it  
7 conducted, *i.e.*, whose files were searched and in what manner. ARP has ignored that  
8 request entirely.

9 ARP claims that it does not need to respond to the Subpoena because of an  
10 associational privilege protected by the First Amendment. Crucially, however, the First  
11 Amendment privilege is far narrower than ARP claims, and ARP ignores its obligation to  
12 substantiate any privilege through, among other things, production of a privilege log, which  
13 it also refuses to provide.

14 Plaintiffs are cognizant that First Amendment concerns can apply in this context. But  
15 those concerns do not justify ARP's complete stonewalling of Plaintiffs' legitimate  
16 discovery requests that seek documents vital to Plaintiffs' claims. Accordingly, Plaintiffs  
17 respectfully request that the Court order ARP to (1) conduct a reasonable search for  
18 documents responsive to the Subpoena, (2) disclose what files are searched and in what  
19 manner (*e.g.*, through the use of search terms or otherwise) so that the parties can engage in  
20 a meaningful meet-and-confer process if necessary; (3) produce those responsive  
21 documents over which ARP does not claim any applicable privilege; and (4) provide a  
22 privilege log as to the balance.  
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28 thus would be central to Plaintiffs' intentional discrimination claim directed at SB 1485.  
Accordingly, documents that relate to SB 1003 should be produced.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **A. The Subpoena**

The Subpoena seeks important evidence related to the claims in this action. SB 1485 will purge voters from Arizona’s permanent early voting list (“PEVL”) if they do not “early vote”—that is, vote by mail or otherwise before election day— in two consecutive election cycles or if they do not respond to a notice. *See* Compl. ¶ 1. SB 1003 requires voters to cure an unsigned ballot by 7:00 PM on election day, even though ballots with other deficiencies are afforded a later cure deadline. *Id.* ¶¶ 1, 86, 88. The Complaint alleges that the Arizona legislature enacted both SB 1485 and 1003 to burden voters of color. For example, despite the fact that Latinos and African Americans make up less than 25% of registered voters in Arizona, they would account for almost 40% of removals from the PEVL. *Id.* at ¶ 77. Similarly, the Complaint alleges that SB 1003 will severely burden voters of color, voters who do not speak or read English, disabled voters, and voters who live on reservations, in part because those individuals are less likely than more affluent (predominantly white) voters to be able to travel to cure their ballots on tight deadlines. *Id.* ¶¶ 90-94. The Arizona legislature was aware of the disproportionate impact the SB 1485 and 1003 would have on voters of color, and its proffered reasons—a need to enhance election integrity and prevent voter fraud—do not withstand scrutiny. *Id.* ¶¶ 66-68.

The Subpoena seeks documents directly relevant to Plaintiffs’ claims. Requests 1, 2, 6, 7, and 11 seek documents and communications regarding the purpose of the Bills; documents or communications addressing how the Bills or similar contemplated legislation would impact particular groups of voters, including those in protected classes; and documents which would shed light on how ARP and the Arizona Legislature understood such legislation would impact different demographic groups and individuals with different partisan affiliations. Requests 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 12 seek documents that are relevant to assessing what interests the legislation supposedly furthers and whether claims by supporters—including the ARP—that SB 1485 and similar legislation was necessary to

1 prevent election fraud and promote election integrity were legitimate, or merely pretextual.<sup>3</sup>  
2 Finally, Request 3 seeks communications between ARP and elected officials or their agents  
3 relating to the PEVL and other aspects of Arizona’s voting system.

4 As ARP social media accounts and similar publicly available information  
5 demonstrate, ARP was instrumental in advocating for SB 1485 or other voting restrictions  
6 in 2021. As discussed in more detail in Argument § I *infra*, ARP and its Chairwoman, Dr.  
7 Kelli Ward, made frequent public statements regarding the prevalence of election fraud in  
8 the wake of the 2020 election, lobbied for so-called “election integrity” bills generally,  
9 lobbied for SB 1485 specifically, and seemingly accused its sponsor of accepting a bribe  
10 when earlier restrictive voting legislation failed. As a result, ARP almost certainly has  
11 information in its possession that is responsive to the Subpoena.

#### 12 **B. ARP Refuses To Substantively Respond to the Subpoena**

13 Plaintiffs served the Subpoena on ARP on January 10, 2022. *See* Exhibit 1. ARP  
14 responded on January 24, 2022, categorically refusing to produce responsive documents.  
15 *See* Exhibit 3. In its objections, ARP contended that the requested information was protected  
16 by a First Amendment associational privilege and that certain requests were vague,  
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19 <sup>3</sup> Pretextual explanations for governmental decisions impacting minority groups, including  
20 the enactment of voting restrictions, are a classic sign, recognized by courts for decades, of  
21 invidious discriminatory intent. *See, e.g.,* Motion to Dismiss Op. at 58; *Arce v. Douglas*,  
22 793 F.3d 968, 978 (9th Cir. 2015) (“[G]iven that ‘officials acting in their official capacities  
23 seldom, if ever, announce on the record that they are pursuing a particular course of action  
24 because of their desire to discriminate against a racial minority,’ we look to whether they  
25 have ‘camouflaged’ their intent.”); *Harrington v. Harris*, 118 F.3d 359, 367 (5th Cir. 1997)  
26 (“A plaintiff may establish circumstantial evidence of intentional discrimination by  
27 demonstrating that a defendant’s articulated nondiscriminatory rationale was pretextual.”);  
28 *Smith v. Clarkton*, 682 F.2d 1055, 1064 (4th Cir. 1982) (“[I]ndividuals acting from  
invidious motivations realize the unattractiveness of their prejudices when faced with their  
perpetuation in the public record. It is only in private conversation, with individuals  
assumed to share their bigotry, that open statements of discrimination are made, so it is rare  
that these statements can be captured for purposes of proving racial discrimination in a case  
such as this.”).



1 conclusory, or ill-defined or irrelevant to the litigation. *Id.* ARP did not produce a privilege  
2 log or otherwise identify any privileged, responsive documents that it refused to produce.

3 On February 7, the Parties met and conferred by telephone. Entwisle Decl. ¶ 5.  
4 During that discussion, counsel for ARP reiterated the claim that the Subpoena was  
5 overbroad. *Id.* ¶ 6. Counsel also represented that they had conducted some searches in  
6 response to certain requests, but claimed that ARP did not have documents responsive to  
7 these Requests regarding SB 1485 or SB 1003 other than those which may be publicly  
8 available. *Id.* ARP's counsel did not share details regarding the searches that they allegedly  
9 conducted, such as what files were searched and how. When asked whether ARP maintains  
10 demographic data on voters, ARP's counsel at first stated that the only data ARP had was  
11 the Secretary of State's voter file. *Id.* ¶ 7. But when pressed whether ARP augments data  
12 from the Secretary of State with additional demographic information—information that  
13 would allow ARP to analyze the impact of the Bills on voters of color or other groups—  
14 counsel could not answer whether ARP did so. *Id.* At the end of the call, ARP's counsel  
15 informed Plaintiffs that they would be unlikely to produce anything that is not publicly  
16 available and that they would not be willing to log any responsive documents to the extent  
17 they are privileged. *See* Joint Submission (ECF No. 156).

18 Plaintiffs followed-up by letter on February 24, offering to hold several requests in  
19 abeyance while discovery is sought from other parties and offering to narrow the requests  
20 in various ways. *See* Exhibit 4. In addition, Plaintiffs asked ARP to describe the searches  
21 conducted to date and requested that ARP comply with the Federal Rules by logging any  
22 documents it intends to withhold as privileged. *Id.*

23 Counsel for ARP responded on March 22, but refused to comply with the Subpoena  
24 or support its privilege claims. *See* Exhibit 5. Plaintiffs responded on April 4, 2022. In an  
25 effort to reach a compromise without Court intervention, Plaintiffs explained that no  
26 absolute First Amendment privilege permits ARP to categorically refuse to respond to the  
27 subpoena or log documents over which it is claiming privilege, and asked ARP to describe  
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1 the searches it conducted before concluding that ARP had no non-public documents  
2 responsive to certain requests. *See* Exhibit 5. ARP did not substantively respond to  
3 Plaintiffs' April 4 letter. After further attempts by Plaintiffs to address these matters,  
4 Plaintiffs and ARP agreed to make a joint submission pursuant to the Court's December 15,  
5 2021 Order (ECF No. 85), and also agreed to delay submission of a motion to compel in  
6 deference to the Court's ongoing consideration of the motion to dismiss. Exhibit 5.  
7 Plaintiffs now move to compel ARP's compliance with the Subpoena.

### 8 ARGUMENT

9 Federal courts construe discovery rules broadly and liberally. *See Herber v. Lando*,  
10 441 U.S. 153, 177 (1979). Discovery extends to "any nonprivileged matter that is relevant  
11 to any party's claim or defense and proportional to the needs of the case." Fed. R. Civ. P.  
12 26(b)(1). In the District of Arizona, the subpoenaed party bears the burden to show that the  
13 subpoena should not be enforced. *See, e.g., Century Int'l Arms, Inc. v. XTech Tactical LLC*,  
14 2020 WL 224361, at \*2 (D. Ariz. Jan. 15, 2020) (denying non-party's motion to quash  
15 subpoena because non-party failed to meet its burden to establish grounds for quashing).  
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#### 17 **I. The Subpoena Is Appropriate.**

18 The Subpoena seeks relevant information, is proportional to the needs of the case,  
19 and ARP can respond without undue burden.

20 *First*, the Subpoena seeks highly relevant information. The central factual questions  
21 in this case concern the *real* reasons the Arizona legislature enacted the legislation at issue.  
22 ARP is a natural source for this kind of information. After all, the legislation was introduced  
23 and supported by Republican legislators, and ARP was involved in pressing for this and  
24 similar legislation.

25 For instance, documents responsive to the Subpoena could provide insight into the  
26 motives of Republican legislators in enacting SB 1485, reveal their understanding of its  
27 likely impact on voters of color and other protected groups, and provide evidence crucial to  
28 Plaintiffs' claims related to evidence of intentional discrimination or motives to

1 discriminate. Documents responsive to the Subpoena may also provide evidence relating to  
2 the State’s interests in passing SB1485. For example, they may show whether there was a  
3 legitimate basis to claim that the Bills help with election integrity or whether such claims  
4 were simply pretextual.<sup>4</sup> Similarly, any such documents regarding SB 1003 would be  
5 similarly relevant to the intentional discrimination claim as to SB 1485, as the fact that the  
6 legislature was contemporaneously considering other legislation also designed to adversely  
7 impact minority groups is probative of the legislature’s intent with respect to SB 1485. *See*  
8 *Tides v. The Boeing Co.*, 644 F.3d 809, 814 (9th Cir. 2011) (“If the statutory language is  
9 ambiguous, however, then we may refer to legislative history to discern congressional  
10 intent. . . . We may also look to other related statutes because statutes dealing with similar  
11 subjects should be interpreted harmoniously.”) (internal citations and quotations omitted);  
12 *City of Carrollton Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. v Stallings*, 829 F.2d 1547, 1152 (11th Cir.  
13 1987) (speech during prior legislative session was evidence of intent to discriminate against  
14 black voters when similar bill was reintroduced in the next legislative term under same  
15 sponsorship).

16 . **Second**, there is substantial basis to believe that ARP has responsive documents.  
17 ARP and its Chairwoman, Dr. Kelli Ward, made frequent public statements regarding the  
18 prevalence of election fraud in the wake of the 2020 election.<sup>5</sup> For instance, relying on  
19 Newsmax and OANN, Dr. Ward claimed in a video on ARP’s Twitter account shortly after  
20 the 2020 election that there were “almost innumerable episodes of potential fraud [and]  
21 voting irregularities,” and that voter fraud “unquestionably exists and must be  
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23 <sup>4</sup> Compl. ¶¶ 127-145.

24 <sup>5</sup> *See* Exhibit 6, available at: @AZGOP, Twitter (December 12, 2020, 3:05 PM),  
25 <https://twitter.com/AZGOP/status/1337866132221378560>; @AZGOP, Twitter,  
26 (December 30, 2020, 10:51 PM), <https://twitter.com/AZGOP/status/1344506507078103041>; Maria Polletta, *Last Election Challenge Pending in Arizona*  
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28 <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/12/09/federal-judge-throws-out-last-election-challenge-pending-arizona/6506927002/>.

1 investigated.”<sup>6</sup> In addition, posts on ARP’s Twitter account called for new voting related  
2 legislation by the Arizona legislature, claiming that “there’s no two things more important  
3 this legislative cycle than election integrity and opening back up our country/economy.”<sup>7</sup>

4 Dr. Ward also publicly criticized representatives in the Arizona legislature when  
5 certain election related bills did not pass—including Senator Ugenti-Rita, who would later  
6 sponsor both of the Bills—seemingly implying that they were bribed.<sup>8</sup> ARP and its  
7 Chairwoman also said that SB 1485 is “important Election Integrity legislation” and that  
8 “any entity calling [election integrity] bills [voter suppression] is outing itself as being a  
9 []woke virtue signaler rather than a freedom-loving America Supporter.”<sup>9</sup>

10 **Third**, the Subpoena is proportional to the needs of this case. *See Wells Fargo Bank*  
11 *NA, v. Wyo Tech Inv. Grp. LLC*, 385 F. Supp. 3d 863, 874 (D. Ariz. 2019) (enforcing a  
12 subpoena when the Court found that “the documents sought through the subpoena are  
13 relevant and proportional under Rule 26(b)(1).”). Courts have permitted comparable third-  
14 party discovery in voting rights cases like these. *See Fla. State Conference of Branches &*  
15 *Youth Units of the NAACP v. Lee*, 2021 WL 4891300, at \*4 (S.D. Fla. Oct. 19, 2021)  
16 (compelling the Heritage Foundation to comply with a subpoena’s document requests).  
17 Notably, the ARP has not even attempted to show that the Subpoena would actually subject  
18 it to undue burden or expense. *See Spider Labs Ltd. v. Doe*, 2020 WL 6262397, at \*1 (D.  
19 Ariz. Oct. 22, 2020). ARP’s only answer has been to claim that it should not have to comply  
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21 <sup>6</sup> *See id*, available at: @AZGOP, Twitter, (Nov. 23, 2020 10:00 AM), <https://twitter.com/AZGOP/status/1330903939135389697>.

22 <sup>7</sup> *See id*, available at: @AZGOP, Twitter, (Jan. 11, 2021, 10:43 PM), <https://twitter.com/AZGOP/status/1348853185998331905>.

23 <sup>8</sup> *See id*, available at: @kelliwardaz, Twitter, (March 14, 2022, 6:12 PM),  
24 <https://twitter.com/kelliwardaz/status/1503509426224869376> (“Keep your eyes open  
25 AFTER the legislative session to see what rewards Boyer and Ugenti-Rita get from the  
26 swamp for killing #ElectionIntegrity bills in the Senate.”).

27 <sup>9</sup> *See id*, available at: e.g., @AZGOP, Twitter (April 20, 2021, 11:25 AM),  
28 <https://twitter.com/AZGOP/status/1384543727486570499>; @kelliwardaz, Twitter (April  
7, 2021 3:28 PM), <https://twitter.com/kelliwardaz/status/1379893898751975436>.

1 because it does not “have anything to do with this case.” Joint Submission at 4 (ECF No.  
2 156). While ARP claims to have nothing to do with this case, its position is undermined by  
3 the fact that other GOP organizations have intervened in this matter. And, as demonstrated  
4 above, ARP and its Chair have repeatedly made statements that refute such claims.  
5 Moreover, Plaintiffs have attempted in good faith to reduce any undue burden on ARP. For  
6 example, while Plaintiffs believe that their requests were reasonably tailored to avoid being  
7 overly broad or unduly burdensome, they offered to narrow their requests to ARP in the  
8 above discussed letter sent on February 24, 2022 to address ARP’s concerns. Exhibit 4.  
9 ARP never substantively responded to that offer, other than the categorically refuse to  
10 respond to the Subpoena.

11 **II. ARP’s Non-Constitutional Grounds For Refusing To Respond To The**  
12 **Subpoena Are Insubstantial.**

13 ARP advances two main non-constitutional objections to the Subpoena. Neither is  
14 availing.

15 *First*, ARP has suggested that it does not have *any* non-public responsive documents,  
16 such as non-public emails, analyses, or text messages, that are responsive to the requests  
17 and that relate to SB 1485 or SB 1003. Given the extensive public statements by ARP and  
18 its Chairwoman on these issues, and SB 1485 specifically, it is (at best) highly unlikely that  
19 ARP has *no* responsive documents other than the few public documents it has alluded to in  
20 the meet-and-confer process. Nor are Plaintiffs required to take ARP’s assertions at face  
21 value. Requiring ARP to provide additional detail about its search methodology imposes  
22 virtually no burden on ARP and will ensure that Plaintiffs are not deprived of potentially  
23 critical discovery because of an inadequate search for responsive material. *See In re*  
24 *Furstenberg Fin. Sas & Marc Bataillon*, 2017 WL 6560357, at \*9 (S.D. Fla. Oct. 30, 2017)  
25 (concluding that “[a]pplicants have established that [the non-party’s] discovery has been  
26 deficient, particularly in light of [its] reluctance to narrow the document requests under the  
27 subpoena or to provide any meaningful details about its search methodologies despite  
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1 repeated appeals.”); *Apple, Inc. v. Samsung Elecs. Co.*, 2013 WL 1942163, at \*3 (N.D. Cal.  
2 May 9, 2013) (holding that once a third party becomes “subject to a subpoena” it has  
3 “obligations ... to participate in transparent and collaborative discovery”).

4       **Second**, ARP has claimed that the information sought is no longer relevant due to  
5 the holding in *Brnovich v. Democratic National Committee*, 141 S. Ct. 2321 (2021). ARP  
6 is incorrect. As the Court confirmed in its recent motion to dismiss opinion and Plaintiffs’  
7 explained in their related briefing, the Supreme Court *reaffirmed* the *Arlington Heights* test  
8 for intentional discrimination in *Brnovich*. Motion to Dismiss Op. at 53; ECF No. 92 at 6,  
9 12. In *Arlington Heights*, the Court stated that “determining whether invidious  
10 discriminatory purpose was a motivating factor demands a sensitive inquiry into such  
11 circumstantial and direct evidence of intent as may be available.” *Vill. of Arlington Heights*  
12 *v. Metro. Hous. Dev. Corp.*, 429 U.S. 252, 266 (1977). Documents responsive to this  
13 Subpoena would, at the very least, bear on whether Republican officials understood the  
14 legislation would disproportionately impact voters of color and whether their election  
15 integrity claims were pretextual. Both categories of documents are central to the question  
16 whether the Court can infer discriminatory intent.<sup>10</sup> And, of course, any communications  
17 between ARP officials and members of the Arizona legislature are plainly relevant, as  
18 *Arlington Heights* requires assessing contemporaneous statements of legislators when  
19 evaluating whether the evidence as a whole warrants inferring discriminatory purpose.  
20 *Arlington Heights*, 429 U.S. at 268; *see also* Motion to Dismiss Op. at 55 (“the legislative  
21 history of a statute, ‘especially where there are contemporary statements by members of the  
22 decisionmaking body,’ is sometimes probative when evaluating a discriminatory purpose  
23 claim.”) (quoting *Arlington Heights*, 429 U.S. at 266).

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26 <sup>10</sup> *See* Motion to Dismiss Op. at 52-53 (denying dismissal in part because “Plaintiffs  
27 plausibly allege that voters of color will be disproportionately affected by S.B. 1485”), at  
28 58 (“If that justification was pretextual, as Plaintiffs allege, this can plausibly be viewed as  
circumstantial evidence supporting Plaintiffs’ contention that one of the true, unexpressed  
motivations for the law was discriminatory.”).

1 **III. The First Amendment “Associational Privilege” Does Not Allow ARP to Refuse**  
2 **to Comply with the Subpoena**

3 ARP also asserts a constitutional objection to the Subpoena—but this objection is  
4 equally unavailing. The party seeking to assert a First Amendment associational privilege  
5 must “make a *prima facie* case showing of arguable First Amendment privilege.” *Nat’l*  
6 *Abortion Fed’n v. Ctr. for Med. Progress*, 2015 U.S. App. LEXIS 23397, at \*5 (9th Cir.  
7 Dec. 3, 2015); *Brock v. Local 375, Plumbers Int’l Union of Am.*, 860 F.2d 346, 349-50 (9th  
8 Cir. 1988). In the Ninth Circuit, making a *prima facie* showing “requires appellants to  
9 demonstrate that enforcement of the subpoenas will result in (1) harassment, membership  
10 withdrawal, or discouragement of new members, or (2) other consequences which  
11 objectively suggest an impact on, or ‘chilling’ of, the members’ associational rights.” *Id.* at  
12 350; see also *Fla. State Conference of Branches & Youth Units of the NAACP v. Lee*, 2021  
13 WL 4891300, at \*4 (S.D. Fla. Oct. 19, 2021) (explaining that a *prima facie* showing requires  
14 demonstrating that there is a “reasonable probability that that the compelled disclosure ...  
15 will subject them to threats, harassment, or reprisals from wither Government officials or  
16 private parties.”) (citing *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1, 74 (1976)). ARP, however, has failed  
17 to identify, even in broad strokes, what responsive documents exist whose disclosure could  
18 implicate the First Amendment. It thus cannot even begin to meet its burden to show a *prima*  
19 *facie* case.

20 Even if a party can make a *prima facie* showing—and ARP has not—disclosure will  
21 still be compelled when the party seeking disclosure demonstrates “an interest in obtaining  
22 the disclosures it seeks ... which is sufficient to justify the deterrent effect on ... on the free  
23 exercise” of the constitutionally protected right. *Nat’l Abortion Fed’n*, 2015 U.S. App.  
24 LEXIS 23397, at \*5 (internal citations and quotations omitted); *NAACP v. Ala. ex rel.*  
25 *Patterson*, 357 U.S. 449, 463 (1958). Plaintiffs have a compelling need for the information  
26 sought by the Subpoena. By refusing to comply based on purported First Amendment  
27 concerns, ARP will deprive Plaintiffs of evidence that could very well be crucial to  
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1 vindicating an equally weighty constitutional right: the right to vote. *See supra* Argument  
2 § II; *Anderson v. Celebrezze*, 460 U.S. 780, 787 (1983); *Burdick v. Takushi*, 504 U.S. 428,  
3 434 (1992); *see also Wesberry v. Sanders*, 376 U.S. 1, 17 (1964) (describing voting rights  
4 as “precious in a free country,” in part because they preserve all other rights).

5 To the extent the Court has any doubt on this score, it can require ARP to submit  
6 responsive documents over which it claims privilege to the Court for *in camera* review. The  
7 Court would then be in a position to evaluate the relative importance of the information to  
8 Plaintiffs’ case and balance that against any First Amendment interests. But neither  
9 Plaintiffs nor the Court can undertake that analysis without understanding what specific  
10 documents ARP has that it claims are privileged. Indeed, courts routinely require privilege  
11 logs when documents are withheld on the basis of the associational and similar privileges.  
12 *See Ohio Org. Collaborative v. Husted*, 2015 WL 7008530, at \*1 (S.D. Ohio Nov. 12, 2015)  
13 (associational privilege); *Raleigh Wake Citizens Ass’n v. Wake Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 2015  
14 WL 7854590, at \*1 (E.D.N.C. Dec. 3, 2015) (legislative privilege); *Bethune-Hill v. Va.*  
15 *State Bd. of Elections*, 114 F. Supp. 3d 323, 345 (E.D. Va. 2015) (requiring more detailed  
16 descriptions for documents allegedly protected by the legislative privilege, and requiring *in*  
17 *camera* review.). And, of course, ARP has no basis to withhold documents where no actual  
18 privilege applies, and a blanket privilege assertion cannot prevent the production of such  
19 materials. Non-privileged documents should be produced if responsive to the Subpoena.

### 20 CONCLUSION

21 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter an order  
22 to enforce the Subpoena and compel the Republican Party of Arizona to (1) conduct a  
23 reasonable search for documents responsive to the Subpoena; (2) disclose what files are  
24 searched and in what manner (e.g., through the use of search terms or otherwise); (3)  
25 produce those responsive documents over which the ARP does not claim any applicable  
26 privilege; and (4) provide a privilege log as to the balance.



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