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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

10 STRONG COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION
OF ARIZONA INCORPORATED; *et al.*,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 STEPHEN RICHER; *et al.*,

14 Defendants.

Case No. CV-24-02030-PHX-KML

**JOINDER IN MARICOPA COUNTY
DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO
OPPOSING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER
AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

15 COMES NOW, the Yuma County Attorney, Jon Smith, by and through counsel
16 undersigned, and hereby notices this court and the parties that Yuma County hereby joins the
17 Maricopa County Defendants' Response Opposing Plaintiffs' Motion for a Temporary
18 Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction. Through this Notice, the Yuma County
19 Defendants hereby adopt all arguments, requests and points of authorities in that document as if
20 fully set forth in its own separate pleadings.

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1 The Yuma County Recorder and the Maricopa County Recorder are similarly situated
2 and conduct their list maintenance procedures in substantially the same manner as dictated by
3 Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 16, and the 2023 Elections Procedure Manual (EPM).
4 Specifically, with regard to list maintenance procedures that are being challenged in this lawsuit
5 and in the Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction, the
6 Yuma County Recorder would make the same arguments regarding standing, laches and
7 Plaintiffs' inability to satisfy the standard of review for issuance of a preliminary injunction.
8 Therefore, in an effort to reduce duplicative filings and to remain respectful of the court's time
9 given the number of parties involved in this lawsuit, the Yuma County Defendants respectfully
10 request this Court apply all arguments set forth in the Maricopa Defendants' Response Opposing
11 Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction, to the Yuma
12 County Defendants.

13 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of October, 2024.

14 JON R. SMITH
15 YUMA COUNTY ATTORNEY

16 /s/ William J. Kerekes
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18 Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
19 *Attorney for Yuma County Defendants*
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that on October, 2024, I electronically transmitted the foregoing with the
3 Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the District of Arizona using the
4 CM/ECF System. Counsel for all Defendants, as well as Plaintiffs, who have appeared and are
5 registered CM/ECF users will be served by the CM/ECRF system pursuant to the notice of
6 electronic filing, with courtesy copies emailed as follows:

7 Honorable Krissa M. Lanham
8 District Court Judge
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9 */s/ Brenda Luna*
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