IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC COURT DOCUMENTS FILED IN CASES RELATING TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2020-149

The Court recognizes that certain cases attract greater public and media interest. Complying with multiple requests for access to court documents in such cases can result in both delay and increased workload for the staff of the Court and the staff of the Clerk of the Court.

The Clerk of the Court has a website on which public documents filed in such cases may be made available electronically to the public. Normally, pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Rule 123(g)(3)(A), the Clerk is only authorized to display minute entries online. However, Rule 123(g)(3)(b) authorizes the clerk to display case records online "as ordered by the court in a particular high-profile case that creates great public or media interest to which the court can more timely and efficiently respond by displaying records of the case online."

In the upcoming general election to be held on November 3, 2020, there may be election related litigation filed in our Court. Such litigation will presumably have intense public and media interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Office of the Clerk of the Court is authorized to display on its public website any publicly-accessible case records from litigation related to the November 3rd 2020 general election.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2020

/s/ Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

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