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AZ GOP Elected Officers,

Kelli Ward, you have warned us to prepare for more roadblocks from the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. We reject this and request you meet with the Republican State Senators to discuss the following:

Arizona Revised Statute 16-624(A) states, "After the canvass has been completed, the officer in charge of elections shall deposit the package or envelope containing the ballots in a secure facility managed by the county treasurer, who shall keep it unopened and unaltered for twenty-four months for elections for a federal office or for six months for all other elections, at which time he shall destroy it without opening or examining the contents."

Judge Thomason's order states, "The County claims it has not stored the ballots with the County Treasurer as required "because of ongoing litigation." The County states that it will deposit the ballots in the Treasurer's vault, "as the law requires," only after litigation concludes. It is unclear why the County feels justified in violating the law simply because litigation is pending, but claims that it cannot violate the law by complying with the Subpoenas."

Why hasn't the Senate done something about the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors' violation of ARS 16-624(A) by not transferring custody of election material to the County Treasurer?

We demand the audit be conducted in the Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center where there are IP addresses, internet connectivity, nest cameras, modems, and routers (and all the data in them) from "the scene". Why would we disengage all of that and attempt to recreate it in another location? The taxpayers own the building, the audit is funded by the taxpayers, the chain of custody would be protected, and it is customary practice when fighting over disclosure and subpoenaed items to make said item available a their physical location when it is impracticable to do otherwise.

The Senate needs to get Judge Thomason on the phone to get the matter on the record now. Demand access pursuant to the order and ask the judge to hold the Board in contempt if they do not open the doors now. The Judge made every point to reinforce the Senate's authority over the County.

We expect the GOP Elected Officers help see this done.