EXHIBIT A

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No. 3:20-cy-08222-GMS

Intervenor-Defendants' [Proposed] Answer

For their Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint, Intervenor-Defendants Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., Republication National Committee, National Republican Senatorial Committee, National Republican Congressional Committee, Arizona Republican Party, Coconino County Republican Committee, Maricopa County Republican Committee, and Yuma County Republican Committee (collectively, "Intervenor-Defendants") admit, deny, and allege as follows:

INTRODUCTION

Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs brought the above-captioned action against Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, and that ballots must be received by no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day pursuant to State law. Intervenor-Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in the Introduction.

PARTIES

- 1. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 1 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 2. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 2 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 3. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 3 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 4. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 4 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 5. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 5 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 6. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 6 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 7. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 7 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

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	8.	Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to
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- 9. Intervenor-Defendants admit the allegation in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint with respect to the Secretary of State's role in overseeing elections for federal office in Arizona. Intervenor-Defendants deny that the Secretary of State has authority to "issu[e] directives concerning the conduct of all election in the state," as her authority is limited to the statutory duties prescribed by federal and state law. The Secretary may also propose regulations via the Election Procedures Manual issued pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-452, but that Manual has already been completed for the 2020 election cycle and the Governor and Attorney General have equal approval authority over that Manual.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny that jurisdiction in this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1362 because this action is not "brought by any Indian tribe or band." Intervenor-Defendants further deny that the authorities cited in paragraph 10 of the Complaint give this Court jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' claim under Article 2, § 21 of the Arizona Constitution. Intervenor-Defendants admit the remaining allegations in paragraph 10 of the Complaint.
- 11. Intervenor-Defendants admit that 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202 authorize courts to issue declaratory relief. However, Intervenor-Defendants deny that Plaintiffs are entitled to such relief in this case.
- 12. Intervenor-Defendants admit that this Court is the proper venue for Plaintiffs' claims.
- 13. Intervenor-Defendants admit that the language quoted in paragraph 13 can be found in McCutcheon v. FEC, 134 S. Ct. 1434 (2014), Burdick v. Takushi, 504 U.S. 428 (1992), and Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S. 533 (1964).
 - 14. Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
- 15. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 15 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

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	16.	Intervenor-Defendants admit that the Secretary of State has announced that
"[a]ll	ballots	must be received by 7:00 p.m." on November 3, 2020. However, this
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policy	statem	ent.

- 17. Intervenor-Defendants admit that, in order for an early ballot to be counted, A.R.S. § 16-548(A) requires the ballot to "be received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections or deposited at any polling place in the county no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day."
- 18. Intervenor-Defendants admit that an elector's request for an early ballot "must be received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the election," see A.R.S. § 16-542(E), which, for the November 3, 2020 General Election, is October 23, 2020. However, a voter has several additional options to vote despite missing the early ballot request deadline, including requesting a special election board pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-549(A), use of emergency early voting procedures pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-542(H), or voting early in person before or on Election Day.
- 19. Intervenor-Defendants admit that paragraph 19 of the Complaint purports to reference a 12 News article, which speaks for itself. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 19 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 20. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 20 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 21. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 21 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 22. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 22 of the Complaint, and

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- Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 23 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 24. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 24 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to 25. form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 25 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 26. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 26 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 27. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 27 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 28. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 28 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 29. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 29 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to 30. form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 30 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 31. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 31 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

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- 33. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 33 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 34. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 34 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 35. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 35 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
 - Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 36 of the Complaint. 36.
- 37. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 37 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 38. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 38 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 39. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 39 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 40. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 40 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 41. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

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- Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to 43. form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 43 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 44. Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 44 of the Complaint. Under A.R.S. § 16-548(A), no ballot received after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day may be counted by the Secretary of State or any other government official. In addition, Intervenor-Defendants deny that the Secretary of State is the party that actually counts votes in Arizona elections. Vote-counting largely occurs at "central counting places" under the supervision of county officials. See, e.g., Arizona Secretary of State, 2019 Elections Procedures Manual, (2019),https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/2019_ELECTIONS_ 195 PROCEDURES MANUAL APPROVED.pdf.
 - Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 45 of the Complaint. 45.
 - 46. Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 46 of the Complaint.
 - 47. Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 47 of the Complaint.
- 48. Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief. To the extent that Plaintiffs make allegations asserting legal conclusions in paragraph 48, no response is required. Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 48 to the extent a response is required.
- 49. Plaintiffs' allegations in paragraph 49 of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 49 of the Complaint.
- 50. Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs ask the Court to grant them declaratory and injunctive relief. However, Intervenor-Defendants deny that Plaintiffs are entitled to such relief with respect to paragraph 50.
 - 51. Intervenor-Defendants admit the allegations in paragraph 51.
- 52. Intervenor-Defendants deny that Arizona held its "primary" on March 17, 2020; rather, the State held a presidential preference election. Arizona actually held its

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primary on August 4, 2020. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information
sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations in paragraph 52 of the
Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

- 53. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 53 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- Intervenor-Defendants admit the allegations in paragraph 54 of the 54. Complaint.
- 55. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 55 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 56. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 56 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 57. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 57 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 58. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 58 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
 - 59. Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 59 of the Complaint.
- 60. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 60 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 61. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 61 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

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- 63. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 63 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 64. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 64 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 65. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 65 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to 66. form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 66 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 67. Intervenor-Defendants admit the allegations in paragraph 67 of the Complaint.
- 68. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 68 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 69. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 69 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 70 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 71. Intervenor-Defendants deny that voting-by-mail "breaks down in Indian Country." Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form

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a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations in paragraph 71 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

- 72. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 72 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 73. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 73 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 74. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 74 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 75. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 75 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 76. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 76 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 77. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 77 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 78. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 78 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny that "[g]etting mail-in ballots is a 'big problem' 79. for Native Voters." Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations in paragraph 79 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

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- 81. Intervenor-Defendants admit the allegations in paragraph 81 of the Complaint.
- 82. Intervenor-Defendants admit that the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 granted citizenship to all Native Americans. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations in paragraph 82 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 83. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 83 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 84. With respect to paragraph 84 of the Complaint, Plaintiffs refer to the Arizona Supreme Court's decision in *Porter v. Hall*, 271 P. 411 (Ariz. 1928), which speaks for itself.
- 85. Intervenor-Defendants admit the allegations in paragraph 85 of the Complaint.
- 86. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 86 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 87. With respect to paragraph 87 of the Complaint, Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs refer to a Determination of the Attorney General, which speaks for itself.
- 88. With respect to paragraph 88 of the Complaint, Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs refer to a Determination of the Attorney General, which speaks for itself.
- 89. With respect to paragraph 89 of the Complaint, Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs refer to Section 5 of the VRA, which speaks for itself.
- 90. With respect to paragraph 90 of the Complaint, Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs refer to the case of *Apache County v. United States*, 256 F. Supp. 903 (D.D.C. 1966), which speaks for itself.

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Amendm	ents	of 1970 and Oregon v. Mitchell, 400 U.S. 112 (1970), which speak for
themselv	es. I	ntervenor-Defendants deny the remaining allegations in paragraph 91 of the
Complair	nt.	

- 92. Intervenor-Defendants admit that the State of Arizona was a covered jurisdiction under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act before the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated the preclearance formula in *Shelby County v. Holder*, 133 S. Ct. 2612 (2013). The remainder of the allegations in paragraph 92 assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Intervenor-Defendants deny the remaining allegations in paragraph 92.
- 93. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 93 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 94. Intervenor-Defendants admit that paragraph 94 of the Complaint refers to Shirley v. Superior Court for Apache County, 513 P.2d 939 (Ariz. 1973), which speaks for itself.
- 95. Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs accurately stated the population of Apache County Districts 1, 2, and 3 as of 1970. See Goodluck v. Apache Cty., 417 F. Supp. 13, 14 (D. Ariz. 1975). Intervenor-Defendants further admit that Plaintiffs reference Goodluck v. Apache County, which speaks for itself. Intervenor-Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as the truth of the remaining allegations in paragraph 95, and therefore deny the same.
- 96. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 96 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- 97. Intervenor-Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 97 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

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98	. Intervenor-Defendants admit that the Navajo Nation and Navajo voters filed
suit agair	st the Secretary of State following the 2018 election. Intervenor-Defendants are
without k	nowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining
allegation	is in paragraph 98 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

- 99. Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs purport to refer to the settlement agreement in Navajo Nation v. Hobbs, No. CV-18-08329-PCT-DWL (D. Ariz. 2019) (Doc. 44-2), which speaks for itself. Intervenors are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations in paragraph 99 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 100 of the Complaint.
- Intervenor-Defendants admit that Plaintiffs brought this action pursuant to the statutes cited in paragraph 101 of the Complaint. The remaining allegations in paragraph 101 of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 101 of the Complaint.
- 102. Intervenor-Defendants admit that paragraph 102 of the Complaint correctly quotes the text of Article 2, Section 21 of the Arizona Constitution.
- 103. Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 103 of the Complaint.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 104 of the Complaint because Plaintiffs incorrectly quote Section 4(f)(4) of the Voting Rights Act. See 52 U.S.C. § 10303(f)(4).
- 105. Intervenor-Defendants admit that paragraph 105 of the Complaint correctly quotes the text of A.R.S. § 16-541(A).
- 106. Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 106 of the Complaint.

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107. Intervenor-Defendants admit that paragraph 107 of the Complaint correctly
quotes part of 52 U.S.C. § 10301(b). The remaining allegations in paragraph 107 of the
Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a
response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 107 of the
Complaint.

- 108. Plaintiffs' allegations in paragraph 108 of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 108 of the Complaint.
- Plaintiffs' allegations in paragraph 109 of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 109 of the Complaint.
- Plaintiffs' allegations in paragraph 110 of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 110 of the Complaint.
- Plaintiffs' allegations in paragraph 111 of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 111 of the Complaint.

CAUSES OF ACTION

- Intervenor-Defendants incorporate by reference the previous answers to the Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- Intervenor-Defendants admit that paragraph 113 of the Complaint accurately quotes part of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 114 of the Complaint.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 115 of the 115. Complaint.
- Paragraph 116 is a sentence fragment that does not make any allegation. To 116. the extent the Court reads paragraph 116 as an extension of paragraph 115, Intervenor-

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- With respect to paragraph 117, Intervenor-Defendants incorporate by 117. reference the previous answers to the Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 118 of the 118. Complaint.
- 119. With respect to paragraph 119, Intervenor-Defendants incorporate by reference the previous answers to the Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 120 of the 120. Complaint because Plaintiffs incorrectly attribute the quotation in that paragraph to 52 U.S.C. § 10301. In addition, Plaintiffs' allegations in paragraph 120 of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 120 of the Complaint.
- 121. Plaintiffs' allegations in paragraph 121 of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 121 of the Complaint.
- 122. Plaintiffs' allegations in paragraph 122 of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 122 of the Complaint.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 123 of the Complaint.
- Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 124 of the Complaint.

GENERAL DENIAL

Intervenor-Defendants deny all allegations in the Complaint not expressly admitted herein.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Intervenor-Defendants deny the allegations of Plaintiffs' prayer for relief contained in the unnumbered paragraph beginning, "WHEREFORE," including every subparagraph,

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AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

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1. Plaintiffs fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

2. Plaintiffs' claims are futile because the actions described are neither

3. Plaintiffs lack standing to bring some or all of the claims asserted in this suit.

4. The Court lacks jurisdiction over some or all of the claims asserted by Plaintiffs, including but not limited to, because not all parties that enforce the laws at issue are before the Court, including Arizona county recorders, Arizona county election directors, and the relevant election officials from New Mexico and Utah that administer federal elections in areas for Navajo members live on-reservation.

- 5. Certain Plaintiffs are not qualified electors as required by state law and therefore cannot bring some or all of the claims asserted in this action.
 - 6. Plaintiffs are estopped from bringing some or all of the claims in this action.
- 7. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of laches, including the *Purcell* principle.
 - 8. Plaintiffs' unclean hands preclude the relief they seek herein.
- 9. Plaintiffs have waived their rights to bring some or all of the claims asserted in this action.
 - 10. Plaintiffs have failed to take reasonable steps to avoid harm.
 - 11. Plaintiffs have failed to exhaust administrative remedies.
- 12. Plaintiffs' requested relief violates the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 13. Plaintiffs' requested relief violates the equal protection provisions of the Arizona and United States Constitutions.
- 14. Plaintiffs' requested relief violates the Elections Clause, Art. 1, § 4, cl. 1, of the United States Constitution.

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- 16. Plaintiffs' claims for equitable relief are barred to the extent they seek an affirmative or mandatory injunction.
- 17. Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants appropriately, completely and fully performed and discharged any and all obligations and legal duties arising out of the matters alleged in the Complaint.
- 18. Plaintiffs have not sustained any injury or damage as a result of any actions taken by Defendants or Intervenor-Defendants, and thus are barred from asserting any claim against them.
 - 19. Plaintiffs have not alleged a cognizable claim under the Voting Rights Act. **Wherefore**, Intervenor-Defendants pray for judgment as follows:
 - A. That Plaintiffs take nothing by way of their Complaint, including that Plaintiffs not be awarded attorneys' fees and costs;
 - B. That the Court enter judgment in favor of Defendant and Intervenor-Defendants and against Plaintiffs on any and all claims for relief alleged in the Complaint;
 - C. That Intervenor-Defendants recover their attorneys' fees and costs in this suit; and
 - D. For such other relief as the Court deems fair, just, and proper.

DATED this 3rd day of September, 2020.

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