

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

MAUREEN HOPPE,) Arizona Supreme Court
) No. CV-26-0114-AP/EL
 Plaintiff/Appellant,)
) Maricopa County
 v.) Superior Court
) No. CV2026-013760
 BOBBI BUCHLI, et al.,)
) **FILED 04/15/2026**
 Defendants/Appellees.)
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O R D E R

Plaintiff/Appellant/Challenger Hoppe filed a Notice of Appeal in this expedited election matter on April 10, 2026, pursuant to Rule 10(g), Arizona Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure.

In lieu of a telephonic scheduling conference, Court staff has consulted with counsel for Appellant and Defendant/Appellee/Candidate Buchli and the Town of Gilbert and Maricopa County. Counsel for Maricopa County has advised that the deadline to resolve this matter is May 7, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED directing Maricopa County to file a pleading with the deadline for a decision in this case forthwith.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED if either party wishes to use transcripts, such party shall file authorized transcripts as soon as possible. If no authorized transcript can be prepared and filed timely, the parties are encouraged to stipulate to the pertinent facts or testimony or provide pertinent segments of unauthorized transcripts in a joint appendix as soon as possible.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Appellant shall file the opening brief no later than **4:00 p.m.** on Friday, **April 17, 2026**. The opening brief shall be no more than 2500 words.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Appellee may file an answering brief no later than **4:00 p.m.** on Tuesday, **April 21, 2026**. The answering brief shall be no more than 2500 words. There will be no reply.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that briefs will be in a legible 14-point font, double-spaced, and will include all arguments the parties wish to present to the Court. They may be filed in memorandum format (no tables of contents or authorities).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of all filings must be delivered as required under Rule 10(h).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in addition to filing briefs with the Clerk of the Supreme Court (with filing and service through AZTurboCourt) all filings are also to be sent by email to all the parties and court staff and to SACrtDocs@courts.az.gov when filed. This matter will be decided without oral argument.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2026.

/s/
WILLIAM G. MONTGOMERY
Duty Justice

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