

**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

ROCQUE A. PEREZ II,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALMA HERNANDEZ, et al.

Defendants.

LUZ ESPINOZA BURRUEL, a
qualified elector,

Plaintiff/Appellee,

v.

ALMA HERNANDEZ, et al.

Defendants/Appellants

Arizona Supreme Court
No. CV-26-0125-AP/EL

Pima County
Superior Court
No.: C20262698 (lead)
C20262699

(Expedited Election Matter)

JOINT APPENDIX AND STIPULATION OF FACTS

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Pursuant to [ARCAP 11\(e\)](#), the Parties file the following Agreed-Upon Statement and Joint Appendix. The Parties stipulated to each of these in the trial below. The government Defendants take no position on these stipulations and remain nominal parties to the litigation.

The parties submit the following exhibits that were entered into the record in the trial court without objection by any party.

Exhibit A	Declaration of Candidate Alma Hernandez with internal exhibits 1 through 3	J.App’x001 - 011
Exhibit B	Declaration of State Election Director Lisa Marra	J.App’x012 - 014

The parties stipulate to the following:


1. At the time Defendant Alma Hernandez filed her nomination papers for the 2026 Primary Election, the Secretary of State’s “See the Money” website indicated that the candidate committee Alma for Arizona (Filer ID No. 201800416) owed over \$1,000.00 in connection with late-filed campaign finance reports.

2. Committee No. 201800416 was at one time the candidate committee for Defendant Alma Hernandez; however, she is not operating her current campaign out of that committee.

3. The Arizona Attorney General has never issued a notice of penalty under A.R.S. § 16-938(G)(2) to the candidate in connection with the fines identified in paragraph 1.

DATED this 21st day of April 2026.

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Exhibit A

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17 **SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA**
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19 **PIMA COUNTY**

20 ROCQUE A. PEREZ II, an individual
21 elector,

22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 ALMA C. HERNANDEZ, et al.,

25 Defendants.

No. C20262698
No. C20262699

**DECLARATION OF ALMA
HERNANDEZ**

(Assigned to the Hon. Cynthia
Kuhn)

26 LUZA ESPINOZA BURRUEL, a qualified
27 elector,

28 Plaintiff,

v.

ALMA HERNANDEZ, et al.,

Defendants.

1 I, Alma Hernandez, declare and state as follows:

2 1. I am over 18 years old, am competent to testify, and have personal knowledge
3 of the matters in this Declaration.

4 2. I am a State Representative for Legislative District 20 in the Arizona House
5 of Representatives.

6 3. I am a candidate in the primary election for Legislative District 20 to the
7 Arizona Senate.

8 4. There are three candidate committees with which I have been associated over
9 the course of my campaigns for the Legislature.

10 5. The first committee was Alma for Arizona, Filer ID number. 201800416.
11 This was my initial campaign committee I formed when I first ran for office in 2018. This
12 committee is suspended, and I do not have access to it in the Secretary of State's campaign
13 finance filing system.

14 6. The second committee was Alma Hernandez for State Representative -
15 District 20, Filer ID number 101373. As of January 16, 2026, this committee has no
16 outstanding fines and has been terminated. A true and correct copy of a January 16, 2026
17 receipt from the Secretary of State's office showing payment of \$330 for this committee's
18 then-outstanding fines is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

19 7. My current committee is Alma for Arizona, Filer ID 101952. This is the
20 committee I formed in connection with my current campaign for the Arizona Senate, and
21 it has no outstanding fines.

22 8. This litigation principally concerns my first committee, Alma for Arizona,
23 Filer ID number 201800416.

24 9. I have never received a reasonable cause notice from the Secretary of State
25 in connection with any committee with which I have been associated.

26 10. On June 7, 2023, I received from the Attorney General's office a "Notice of
27 Violation and Civil Penalties," dated May 31, 2023 and issued to Alma for Arizona, Filer
28 ID number 201800416, for failure to file a 2022 post-general election (Q4) report. The

1 notice directed me to file the report by June 20, 2023 and warned that if I failed do so, the
2 Attorney General’s office “will impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,600.” The notice
3 concluded by stating that it was “**not** an appealable agency action pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-
4 938.” (Emphasis in original). A true and correct copy of the notice is attached as **Exhibit**
5 **2**.

6 11. In response to the notice, I promptly arranged for the filing of the 2022 Q4
7 report.

8 12. On July 3, 2023, I received correspondence from the Attorney General’s
9 office stating that it learned I had taken corrective action by filing the 2022 Q4 report on
10 June 8, 2023, and thanked me “for taking action to resolve this matter.” A true and correct
11 copy of the correspondence is attached as **Exhibit 3**.

12 13. The Attorney General’s office has never imposed a penalty or provided an
13 appealable notice of penalty in connection with any committee with which I have been
14 associated.

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16 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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18 Executed on April 12, 2026

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22 Alma Hernandez
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Exhibit 1

Alma Hernandez



SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARIZONA

AZ SECRETARY of STATE

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[PHOENIX, AZ 850070000](#)
[+1 480-637-1848](#)
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Campaign Finance Late Fee	\$330.00
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Subtotal	\$330.00
Total Taxes	\$0.00
Order total	\$330.00

Total paid \$ 330⁰⁰

January 16, 2026 12:24 pm
Payment ID: 5D1EGEVWSDXH4
Order ID: 9JD5T1FH6MDSM
Order Employee: ~~Tyler~~

Payment

VISA	VISA 3066	\$330.00
	Order amount	\$330.00
	Cashier: Tyler	

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Thank you for your business!



Exhibit 2

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2 **ATTORNEY GENERAL**
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9 **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**
10 **COMMITTEE COMPLIANCE PROCEEDINGS**

11 In the Matter of:

12 **Alma for Arizona**
13 ID #201800416

14 Failure to File Campaign
15 Finance Report

Case No: SGO-FTF-SOS-2023-077

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND CIVIL
PENALTIES**

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19 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-937, the Arizona Secretary of State has notified the Attorney
20 General's Office that Alma for Arizona, ID # 201800416, failed to timely file the following
21 Campaign Finance Report as required by A.R.S. §§ 16-926 and 16-927, and the publicly available
22 records of the Secretary of State's Office still so indicate:

23
24 Report: Post-General Election (Q4)
25 Period Covered: October 23, 2022 through December 31, 2022
26 Filing Deadline: 1/17/2023

1 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-938, you are hereby ordered to file the Post-General Election (Q4)
2 Report with the Arizona Secretary of State, 1700 West Washington St., 7th Floor, Phoenix,
3 Arizona, 85007, by no later than June 20, 2023 (20 days from the date of issuance of this notice).
4 If the Post-General Election (Q4) Report is not filed by June 20, 2023, the Attorney General's
5 Office will impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,600.

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7 This notice is **not** an appealable agency action pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-938.

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9 Issued this 31st day of May, 2023.

10 KRIS MAYES,
11 ATTORNEY GENERAL

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14 BY: Hayleigh S. Crawford
15 Hayleigh S. Crawford
16 Deputy Solicitor General
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1 COPY sent via Certified Mail
this 31st day of May, 2023 to:

2 Alma Hernandez
3 Alma for Arizona
4 5158 S 17th Ave
5 Tucson, AZ 85706

6 COPY sent via inter-agency mail
this 31st day of May, 2023 to:

7 Colleen Connor
8 State Elections Director
9 Arizona Secretary of State's Office
10 1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2888

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12 By: *Sarah Fifer*
13 Sarah Fifer

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Exhibit 3



KRIS MAYES
ATTORNEY GENERAL

OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL
SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

HAYLEIGH CRAWFORD
DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL

July 3, 2023

By First-Class U.S. Mail and Email

Alma Hernandez
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Re: Compliance Proceedings – Post-General Election (Q4) Report

Alma Hernandez:

The Office of the Attorney General has learned that on June 8, 2023 you have taken corrective action regarding the Post-General Election (Q4) Report noted in the compliance order issued to you on May 31, 2023.

Thank you for taking action to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hayleigh S. Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hayleigh Crawford
Deputy Solicitor General

Exhibit B

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12 **ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT**

13 **PIMA COUNTY**

14 ROCQUE A. PEREZ, II, an Arizona
15 elector,

16 Plaintiff,

17 vs.

18 ALMA C. HERNANDEZ, a candidate for
19 office, *et al.*,
20 Defendants.

No. C20262698

Consolidated with No. C20262699
and C20262701

**DECLARATION OF
LISA MARRA**

21 LUZ BURRUEL, an Arizona elector,

22 Plaintiff,

23 vs.

24 ALMA C. HERNANDEZ, a candidate for
25 office, *et al.*,
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1 JESSICA CHALBERG, an Arizona
2 elector,

3 Plaintiff,

4 vs.

5 CONSUELO HERNANDEZ, a candidate
6 for office, *et al.*,

7 I, Lisa Marra, declare as follows:

8 1. I am employed by the Arizona Secretary of State as the State Election
9 Director, a position I have held since March 2024. I began my employment at the
10 Secretary's Office in March 2023 as Deputy State Election Director. In my role as State
11 Election Director, I administer the Office's campaign finance reporting and fines system
12 pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-938. I make this Declaration based on my personal knowledge,
13 am competent to testify to the matters set forth herein, and if called upon could and
14 would testify thereto.

15 2. The Secretary of State maintains "seethemoney.az.gov" (hereinafter
16 "website") as a searchable database of committees under the filing jurisdiction of the
17 Secretary.

18 3. The website indicates specific dollar amounts and a certain number of days
19 late in red in the status column when reports are untimely. The dollar amount indicates
20 the outstanding fines that have not been paid. This amount is based on the number of
21 days a report is late.

22 4. The website indicates a fine is outstanding whenever the amount or day(s)
23 late appears in red text in the "status" column. Any committee that has red text in the
24 status column on the website has accrued some amount of outstanding fines which
25 remain unpaid. Green text in the status column on the website indicates that the
26 candidate does not have any outstanding fines.

