

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

ROCQUE A. PEREZ II, ) Arizona Supreme Court  
 ) No. CV-26-0125-AP/EL  
 Plaintiff/Appellant, )  
 ) Pima County  
 v. ) Superior Court  
 ) Nos. C2026698  
 ALMA HERNANDEZ, et al., ) C2026699  
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 Defendants/Appellees. ) **FILED 05/04/2026**  
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 LUZ ESPINOZA BURRUEL, )  
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 Plaintiff/Appellant, )  
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 v. )  
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 ALMA HERNANDEZ, et al., )  
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 Defendants/Appellees. )  
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O R D E R

Pending before the Court is an expedited election appeal brought by Plaintiff/Appellant Luz Espinoza Burruel ("Plaintiff"), who seeks, pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-351, to disqualify Defendant/Appellee Alma Hernandez from placing her name on the Democratic primary ballot for the office of State Senator in Legislative District 20.

The Court, by a panel consisting of Justice Bolick, Justice Montgomery, Justice King, and Justice Cruz, has considered the parties' briefs, the record in the trial court, the trial court's rulings, and the relevant statutes and case law in this expedited election matter. Upon consideration, and for the reasons stated by

the trial court in its April 16, 2026 order,

**IT IS ORDERED** affirming the trial court decision denying Plaintiff's challenge and ordering that Alma Hernandez is qualified to appear on the ballot.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** directing the Clerk to issue the mandate forthwith.

DATED this 4th day of May, 2026.

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/s/  
KATHRYN H. KING  
Duty Justice

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