February 24, 2026
To: Justin Heap, Maricopa County Recorder
301 W Jefferson St., 8th Floor
Phoenix, AZ, 85003

Recorder Heap,

We are writing to follow up on the recent communication from Scott Jarrett to your leadership team regarding timelines and coordination for in-person voting.

Given the number of statutory and operational deadlines ahead, it is important that we understand whether your office intends to coordinate early in-person voting efforts as laid out in Director Jarrett's email. We believe this coordination will provide voters with the best possible in-person experience and will make the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars—and you previously testified in court that you are willing to cooperate with our staff on these issues.

As you know, state law requires early voting, and Maricopa County has a strong history of providing robust early in-person voting options. In the November 2024 General Election, for example, nearly 220,000 voters cast a ballot in this manner. Early in-person voting provides meaningful access for voters across our region and reduces Election Day congestion. Additionally, opening dozens of polling places to early in-person voting—incrementally—provides staff a proven, efficient way to get all Vote Centers up and running to best serve Election Day voters. The alternative would cost much more, unnecessarily burdening taxpayers.

The Board of Supervisors strongly supports maintaining a comprehensive early in-person program consistent with prior practices.

Please let us know by Friday's deadline how you intend to proceed and whether your office will be coordinating early in-person efforts with us, consistent with your previous courtroom testimony.

Sincerely,

Chair Kate Brophy McGee
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, District 3

Vice Chair Debbie Lesko
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, District 4