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JEANNE KENTCH, an individual; TED
BOYD, and individual; ABRAHAM
HAMADEH, an individual; and
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, a
federal political party committee,

Plaintiffs/Contestants,

v.

KRIS MAYES,

Defendant/Contestee,

and

KATIE HOBBS, in her official capacity as the
Secretary of State; et al.,

Defendants.

No. S8015CV202201468

**MOTION TO ACCELERATE
RETURN HEARING**

(Assigned to Hon. Lee F. Jantzen)

Defendant Katie Hobbs, in her official capacity as Arizona Secretary of State, moves that the Court accelerate the return hearing currently set in this matter for Friday, December 16 at 8:30 to no later than Wednesday, December 14. Undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for the Plaintiffs/Contestants, Defendant Kris Mayes, and the Maricopa County Defendants (the

1 only county defendants that the Secretary anticipate will be taking an active role here), all of
2 whom do not oppose this request.

3 Good cause exists to accelerate the return hearing. As noted in Plaintiffs' complaint, the
4 race for Arizona Attorney General is currently the subject of an automatic recount, and a hearing
5 is set for December 22 to announce the results of that recount. It's thus important that this case
6 proceed expeditiously so as not to delay a (1) final judgment in this case, the pendency of which
7 may operate to stay the court proceedings as to the recount, and (2) the transition of power on
8 the first Monday in January as required by the Arizona Constitution. A proposed order is filed
9 herewith.

10 DATED this 12th day of December, 2022.

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12 By /s/ D. Andrew Gaona

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