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22 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

23 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE**

24 JEANNE KENTCH, an individual; TED BOYD,
25 an individual; ABRAHAM HAMADEH, an
26 individual; and REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
27 COMMITTEE, a federal political party
28 committee

Plaintiffs/Contestants,

v.

KRIS MAYES,

Defendant/Contestee,

and

ADRIAN FONTES, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. S8015CV202201468

**REPLY TO MAYES'
RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO
SET RULE 16(D)
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

(Assigned to Hon. Lee F. Jantzen)

1 Defendant Mayes' Response attempts to ignore the mandatory language of Rule
2 16(D) by explaining that any scheduling order would be obviated if this Court denies
3 Plaintiff Hamadeh a new trial. In making this argument, she misunderstands the nature of
4 scheduling orders. The initial scheduling order in civil matters is entered shortly after a case
5 is commenced. ARCP 16(c). Such scheduling orders must provide deadlines for every stage
6 of a case. *Id.* at (c)(3). The fact that subsequent developments such as dispositive motions
7 or settlement may render later deadlines irrelevant does not in any way impair this
8 requirement.

9 Further, the public interest is best served by resolving this case as expeditiously as
10 possible. Should Mr. Hamadeh's motion be granted, having set deadlines on the pathway
11 to trial beforehand will help hasten the resolution of this case. Should he not be granted a
12 new trial, there is no harm, the remaining components of the scheduling order will simply
13 no longer be of any force or effect.

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15 WHEREFORE Plaintiffs pray that this Court enter an order setting a Rule 16(D)
16 scheduling conference.

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18 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of June, 2023.

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