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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

<p>Eli Dalton-Webb, a candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>ADRIAN FONTES, in his official capacity as Arizona Secretary of State, MELISSA AVANT, in her official capacity as Officer in Charge of Elections in Cochise County, BILLY CLOUD, in his official capacity as Cochise County Recorder</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendants,</p>	<p>Case No. CV2026-000232</p> <p>Assigned to: Michael F. Valenzuela</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EMERGENCY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDER GRANTING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE</p>
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Plaintiff, having filed his “Motion for Alternative Means of Service” on 7 January 2026:

THE COURT FINDS that service provided in Rule 4.1(c) through Rule 4.1(k) is impracticable under the unique circumstances of this case, particularly the short time window for service, Plaintiff’s inability to afford a private process server, and the nature of Plaintiff’s claims. *See also Hart v. Superior Court in and for Pima County*, 16 Ariz. App. 184 (1971) (finding that a plaintiff’s inability to afford service of process in some circumstances should not act as a bar to their right to the judicial process and ability to have a meaningful opportunity to be heard).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED granting the Civil Procedure Rule 4.1(k) alternative service, and that Plaintiff may serve the Complaint and Summons for Defendant Adrian Fontes via e-mail to his attorney, kmyers@azsos.gov.

DATED this 7th day of January, 2026

 /s/ Michael F. Valenzuela
The Honorable Michael F. Valenzuela
Maricopa County Superior Court

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/S/ Michael Valenzuela Date: 1/7/2026
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