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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

### COUNTY OF MARICOPA, STATE OF ARIZONA

JOHN BRAKEY, an elector,

Plaintiff,

CV 2016-002889

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

**CIVIL - ELECTION** 

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MICHELE REAGAN, Arizona Secretary of State; APACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; LENORA FULTON, Apache County Recorder; COCHISE COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; CHRISTINE RHODES, Cochise County Recorder; COCONINO COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; PATTY HANSEN, Coconino County Recorder; GILA COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS, a body politic; SADIE JO BINGHAM, Gila

County Recorder; GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS, a body politic; WENDY JOHN, Graham County Recorder; GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a

body politic; BERTA MANUZ, Greenlee County Recorder; LA

17 PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; SHELLY BAKER, La Paz County Recorder; MARICOPA

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic: HELEN

PURCELL, Maricopa County Recorder; MOHAVE COUNTY

19 | PORCELL, Maricopa County Recorder, MORAVE COUNTY

BALLARD, Mohave County Recorder; NAVAJO COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; LAURA SANCHEZ,

Navajo County Recorder; PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS, a body politic; F. ANN RODRIGUEZ, Pima

County Recorder; PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; VIRGINIA ROSS, Pinal County Recorder; SANTA

CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic;

24 | SUZANNE SAINZ, Santa Cruz County Recorder; YAVAPAI

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; LESLIE

HOFFMAN, Yavapai County Recorder; YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; ROBYN S. POUQUETTE,

Yuma County Recorder,

Defendants.

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Plaintiff, JOHN BRAKEY (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), by and through undersigned counsel for his complaint alleges as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff is a qualified elector, registered to vote in Pima County, Arizona.
- 2. Defendant MICHELE REAGAN, Arizona Secretary of State ("Secretary of State"), is here named solely in her official capacity.
- 3. The Secretary of State is charged by law with the duty of maintaining voter rolls, including Party preference, directing the conduct of elections, and certifying elections results, including the 2016 Presidential Preference Election.
- 4. Upon information and belief, on or about April 4, 2016, the Secretary of State certified the Official Canvass for the 2016 Presidential Preference Election.
- 5. Defendants APACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; LENORA FULTON, Apache County Recorder; COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; CHRISTINE RHODES, Cochise County Recorder; COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; PATTY HANSEN, Coconino County Recorder; GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; SADIE JO BINGHAM, Gila County Recorder; GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; WENDY JOHN, Graham County Recorder; GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; BERTA MANUZ, Greenlee County Recorder; LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; SHELLY BAKER, La Paz County Recorder; MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; HELEN PURCELL, Maricopa County Recorder; MOHAVE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; ROBERT BALLARD, Mohave County Recorder; NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; LAURA SANCHEZ, Navajo County Recorder; PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; F. ANN RODRIGUEZ, Pima County Recorder; PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; VIRGINIA ROSS, Pinal County Recorder; SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; SUZANNE SAINZ, Santa Cruz County Recorder; YAVAPAI

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; LESLIE HOFFMAN, Yavapai County Recorder; YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a body politic; ROBYN S. POUQUETTE, Yuma County Recorder, (collectively, "County Defendants") are each here named solely in their corporate or official capacity.

6. County Defendants are charged by law or by delegation with the duties of maintaining the voter rolls, including Party preference, publishing the election ballots, and conducting elections, in their respective counties, and of certifying elections results, including the 2016 Presidential Preference Election.

# **JURISDICTION & VENUE**

- 7. Defendants caused events to occur throughout the State of Arizona, out of which this Complaint arises.
- 8. This Court has jurisdiction of this action under Ariz.Const.Art. 6, § 14, and A.R.S. §§ 12-123 (A), 12-1801 through 12-1810, and A.R.S. §§ 16-673 through 16-677.
  - 9. Venue is proper in this County under A.R.S. §§ 12-401 (7), (15), (16), and 16-672(B).

# **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

10. Upon information and belief, and after due diligence in reviewing the evidence available, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that Defendants, or several of them, caused or permitted acts amounting to misconduct on the part of election boards or any members thereof in any of the counties of the state, or on the part of any officer making or participating in a canvass for a state election, under A.R.S. § 16-672 (A)(1), and/or permitting illegal votes, under A.R.S. § 16-672 (A)(4), and/or that by reason of an erroneous count of votes the declared result did not in fact receive the votes certified, under A.R.S. § 16-672 (A)(5).

# COUNT ONE - MISCONDUCT - A.R.S. § 16-672 (A)(1)

11. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, improperly handled voter registration requests. See Affidavit of Cathline Rivera, Affidavit of Alisa Wolfe, Affidavit of Tori J. Shea, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if

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 12. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, failed to properly affiliate voters with their Party preference, or improperly and without authority changed their Party preference, or improperly permitted unauthorized changes to voters' Party preference. See Affidavit of Diane Post, Affidavit of James March Simpson, Affidavit of Kelly Green, Affidavit of Alisa Wolfe, Affidavit of Cathline Rivera, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

13. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, denied voters their suffrage by preventing them from voting. See Affidavit of Diane Post, Affidavit of Alisa Wolfe, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

14. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, denied voters their suffrage by not providing a ballot. See Affidavit of Diane Post, Affidavit of Patricia Lindley Shute, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

15. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, denied voters their suffrage by providing the wrong ballot. See Affidavit of Diane Post, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

16. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, denied voters their suffrage by refusing to or failing to count their provisional ballot. See Affidavit of Diane Post, Affidavit of Alisa Wolfe, Affidavit of Cathline Rivera, Affidavit of Geoffrey Woods, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

17. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that Defendants, or several of them, improperly

maintained the electronic election results, which were illegally accessed and altered by unauthorized parties. See Affidavit of John Brakey, Affidavit of James March Simpson, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

18. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that the Maricopa County Defendants, or several of them, committed misconduct, by unreasonably closing or failing to open sufficient polling places, unreasonably delaying thousands of voters, causing many to give up after waiting in line for many hours, creating confusion, and significantly suppressing the votes cast. See Affidavit of Diane Post, Affidavit of John Brakey, Affidavit of James March Simpson, Affidavit of Geoffrey Woods, Affidavit of Richard Charnin, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

19. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that the Secretary of State improperly maintained the voter rolls, which was illegally accessed by unauthorized parties. See Affidavit of James March Simpson, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

# COUNT TWO - ILLEGAL VOTES - A.R.S. § 16-672 (A)(4)

20. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, permitted illegal votes to be cast, counted, or reported. See Affidavit of Diane Post, Affidavit of John Brakey, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

21. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, counted votes which were illegally cast, or which were not cast at all but were illegal data manipulations of actual vote counts. See Affidavit of John Brakey, Affidavit of James March Simpson, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

# COUNT THREE ERRONEOUS COUNT A.R.S. \$ 16-672 (A) (5)

22. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff

- 27  reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, erroneously counted or reported votes. See Affidavit of Diane Post, Affidavit of John Brakey, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

23. Upon information and belief, and upon examination of available evidence, Plaintiff reasonably believes and thereupon alleges, that County Defendants, or several of them, erroneously counted votes not legally cast, or which were not cast at all but were data manipulations of actual vote counts. See Affidavit of John Brakey, Affidavit of James March Simpson, attached as Exhibits hereto and included herein as if fully set forth.

24. Plaintiff therefore is entitled to judgment ordering the Secretary of State to void her certification of the Official Canvass for the 2016 Presidential Preference Election, and permanently enjoining the Secretary of State and the County Defendants from certifying the 2016 Presidential Preference Election until such election is properly conducted and in compliance with every requirement of Arizona law.

# PLAINTIFF'S PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants and in favor of Plaintiff on his Complaint, as follows:

- A. Declaring Defendants permitted or caused acts amounting to election misconduct, under A.R.S. § 16-672 (A)(1), or that Defendants permitted illegal votes to be cast or counted, under A.R.S. § 16-672 (A)(4), or that Defendants certified an erroneous count of votes, under A.R.S. § 16-672 (A)(5), and ordering the Secretary of State to void her certification of the Official Canvass for the 2016 Presidential Preference Election;
- B. Permanently enjoining the Secretary of State and the County Defendants from certifying the 2016 Presidential Preference Election until such election is properly conducted and in compliance with every requirement of Arizona law;
- C. For Plaintiff's legal costs against Defendants, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-348(A)(2) or other statute or rule providing for the recovery of legal costs; and
- D. Ordering such other relief, including permanent or temporary injunctions, restraining orders, or other orders against Defendants, or some of them, as this Court deems

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of April, 2016. BY: Attorney for Plaintiff

### **VERIFICATION**

I, John Brakey, make the following verification pursuant to the requirements of A.R.S. § 12-1803 and/or A.R.S. § 16-673 (B). I have read the foregoing complaint, know the contents thereof, and verify that it is true of my own knowledge, except the matters stated therein on information and belief, and that as to those matters, I believe the complaint to be true.

Pursuant to Rule 80(i), Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 8, 2016.

John Brakey

# MICHAEL K. JEANES CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA WWW.CLERKOFCOURT.MARICOPA.GOV

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