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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Project Vote, Inc.,	)	Case No. CV-16-01253-DLR-PHX
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	<b>NOTICE OF GOOD FAITH SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS</b>
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Michele Reagan, in her official capacity	)	
as Secretary of State, State of Arizona;	)	
Adrian Fontes, in her official capacity as	)	
County Recorder of Maricopa County; F.	)	
Ann Rodriguez, in her official capacity as	)	
County Recorder of Pima County,	)	
Defendants.	)	

Pursuant to the Court's December 28, 2016, Order [Doc. 52], the parties hereby advise and provide notice that they have engaged in good faith settlement discussions but that a formal Settlement Conference at this time is not an efficient use of judicial resources.

As the parties advised in their December 27, 2016, Joint Stipulation to Extend Settlement Conference Deadline [Doc. 47], the parties previously scheduled a Settlement Conference with Judge Bade for February 28, 2017. On February 16, 2017, the parties participated in a Pre-Settlement Conference with Judge Bade. Before the Pre-Settlement Conference, counsel for Michele Reagan, the Secretary of State ("the SOS"), advised that a bill has been introduced in and is currently pending before the Arizona Legislature, H.B. 2412, that counsel for the SOS believes will resolve the litigation, or a significant portion thereof.

1 During the Pre-Settlement Conference, counsel for the SOS further advised that the SOS  
2 cannot agree to any settlement pending the legislature taking action on H.B. 2412. Project  
3 Vote disagrees regarding the import and applicability of H.B. 2412 to the litigation; Project  
4 Vote believes that the matter can be resolved prior to action on the bill and, further, if the bill  
5 were to become law it does not address all items in dispute. Nonetheless, after discussion with  
6 Judge Bade, the parties agreed that in light of the SOS's position, further settlement discussions  
7 or a formal Settlement Conference at this time will not prove an efficient use of resources.

8 On February 17, 2017, a day after the Pre-Settlement Conference, Plaintiff Project  
9 Vote, Inc. ("Project Vote") and counsel for F. Ann Rodriguez, County Recorder of Pima  
10 County ("Ms. Rodriguez") met and conferred regarding settlement in an effort to determine  
11 whether further informal settlement discussions between them at this time would be  
12 productive. Project Vote and Ms. Rodriguez have been unable to agree to a settlement at this  
13 time, however.

14 Project Vote and Defendant Adrian Fontes, County Recorder of Maricopa County  
15 ("Mr. Fontes"), also engaged in informal settlement discussions in February 2017. The parties  
16 are close to reaching an agreement in principle. Project Vote and Mr. Fontes will promptly  
17 advise the Court when a settlement agreement has been executed.

18 Dated this 28th day of February, 2017.

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