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Yavapai County Board of Supervisors 1015 Fair Street Prescott, AZ 86305

Dear Chair Mallory, Vice Chair Gregory, Supervisor Brown, Supervisor Michaels, and Supervisor Oberg,

The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County and the League of Women Voters of Northern Arizona, which encompass a large part of Yavapai County, are writing to express our serious concerns with the resignations of Recorder Leslie Hoffman and Elections Director Lynn Constabile. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering voters, has worked with both of these officials for many years. We have found them to be completely impartial and professional, with an unwavering dedication to meeting the needs of the voters of Yavapai County. Across the country we have seen increasingly hostile attacks on elections workers. To learn that this has happened to our own dedicated professionals in Yavapai County is deeply disturbing and serves as a strong warning that we must stand up to those elements in our society who would undermine our election system.

We request that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors consider with great care the appointment of their replacements during this critical time of the approaching 2022 Primary and General Elections. The League of Women Voters believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. We support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable, and enhance representation for all voters. Elections conducted under the guidance of Leslie Hoffman and Lynn Constabile have always adhered to these essential principles.

We urge you to carefully screen and thoughtfully consider any appointed replacements. Their qualifications and dedication to fair, nonpartisan conduct of elections will be essential to continuing Yavapai County's dedication to a safe and fair election process.

We further request that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors issue a statement of support for election workers, disavow the attacks that have occurred, commit to running public meetings that embody civic discourse and respect, and declare that the 2020 election in Yavapai County was fair and accurate. As individuals who have been elected via this same fair election system, each of you have stepped forward to serve our citizens. We expect you to defend democracy.

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Respectfully yours,

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