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•NEWS NOTES AND GOSSIP•

IF ALL ELSE FAILS, SEND A FUNDRAISING EMAIL

GOP gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake lost to Hobbs by a margin just wide enough to avoid a recount, but Lake hasn't conceded the race. And beyond vague promises that she's "still in this fight," Lake hasn't said clearly what she's going to do next. What she has done is post a string of videos highlighting complaints about long lines at the polls in Maricopa County and voters who were concerned about dropping their ballot in "Box 3" at voting centers. In a video last week, Lake heavily insinuated that her team is preparing legal challenges, saying she had "assembled the best and brightest legal team." On Nov. 17, one of her lawyers, Caroline Wren, told our reporter that they would put out more information about next steps "probably tomorrow," (YS, 11/17). But there hasn't been a substantial update from the campaign, except for more voter videos, since then. A New York Times review of 45 of the clips Lake posted found that only one person actually claimed she was unable to vote (she said she had arrived to a polling place at 7 p.m. and was turned away (LINK, LINK)). "There's no substantial legal strategy; it's public relations," said Jim Barton, a Democratic attorney. "I will not be surprised if all this



yammering on about lawsuits and stuff doesn't just sort of fade and turn into a big fundraising effort that has nothing to do with a lawsuit." On Tuesday, Wren didn't answer our reporter's questions about whether there would be real legal action. "We promised Arizonans we will fight for them, and we intend to do that by bringing to light the thousands of voters who were disenfranchised with this shotty (sic) election," she said in a text message. Barrett Marson, a GOP strategist, said he had heard that many attorneys didn't want to put their name on a lawsuit challenging Lake's loss. "Nobody's willing to take it," he said. "I think at the end of the day, this is all about ensuring that Katie Hobbs, just like Joe Biden, is seen as an illegitimate executive."

LOTS OF FAMILIAR FACES ON HERE

Hobbs named her full transition team on Tuesday, adding 30 names to the two transition co-chairs she announced last week (<u>YS</u>, <u>11/17</u>). Some highlights include current elected officials like Blackwater-Nygren and Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Gallardo; former lawmakers like Democratic strategist Chad Campbell; nonprofit figures, including Chicanos Por La Causa President David Adame; and Republicans, including former Maricopa County Supervisor Andy Kunasek and Mesa Mayor John Giles. The team also includes education leaders like Arizona Education Assn President Marisol Garcia and business leaders with Ducey connections like Sharon Harper, the governor's former campaign chairwoman.

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ANOTHER ANGRY LETTER



Kori Lorick, the SoS' elections director, again threatened Cochise County with legal action after the supervisors voted to delay certification of the 2022 election and requested evidence that tabulation machines were certified by an accredited lab (YS, 11/21). The SoS' Office sent a letter (LINK) with documentation confirming the certification of machines used in the county and clarifying if the board does not accept the canvass, "the Secretary will use all available legal remedies to compel compliance with Arizona law." If the board refuses to certify, the canvass will proceed

without Cochise County's votes, Lorick wrote. She warned that the board's "refusal to certify will only serve to disenfranchise Cochise County voters." Supervisors Peggy Judd and Tom Crosby tabled the vote on certifying the election after hearing testimony alleging the machines weren't properly certified from men who had a case making similar claims tossed by the Arizona Supreme Court. The board sought information from "experts," who Crosby deemed to be three men who brought the case (LINK). Democratic Supervisor Ann English, who did not support the delay, sought expertise from Lorick. Lorick wrote the claims about tabulation machine illegality are, "derived from baseless conspiracies." The Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans, a group that has already brought litigation against the board over its handling of the election, wrote a letter threatening further action if the board does not comply with Arizona law (LINK). The Supervisors are set to vote on certification on Nov. 28.

MOHAVE AND COCHISE STAND ALONE

After the Mohave County Board of Supervisors delayed certification of its election yesterday, Supervisor Hildy Angius suggested more counties would follow suit but that now looks unlikely. "It's, again, a statement in solidarity with other counties who are doing this...I'm surprised there are this many counties, frankly, who are not certifying," she said. So far, only the boards of supervisors in Mohave County and Cochise County have delayed certification. As of today, supervisors in La Paz, Graham, Gila, Pinal, Yuma, Apache, Greenlee, Pima and Santa Cruz counties have certified their elections. The boards in Maricopa, Yavapai, Coconino and Najavo counties are scheduled to certify their elections on Nov. 28, the statutory deadline. Of the four remaining boards of supervisors, two - Navajo and Coconino - are controlled by Democrats. Republicans control the boards in both Maricopa and Yavapai counties, but neither appears ready to delay their canvass past the deadline set by law. "There will be no delays or games; we will canvass in accordance with state law," Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Gates said in a statement. Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Mary Mallory did not respond directly to an email asking if she would consider delaying certification, but County Administrator Phil Bourdon, responding on Mallory's behalf, indicated the board would certify the results. "There is not any defect or deficiencies in the Yavapai County Election that would prevent the Board of Supervisors from following their statutorily required duty to canvass the election," he said in an email. In a second email, Mallory cited ARS 16-642, the law that requires boards of supervisors to canvass an election within 20 days of Election Day.

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Arkansas Gov.-elect Sarah Huckabee Sanders named Gretchen Conger her chief of staff. Conger, Ducey's former deputy chief of staff, left the Ninth Floor in August 2021 to work on Sanders' campaign. She previously served as the Ninth Floor's chief lobbyist after working for the Arizona Chamber of Commerce. Conger is the most recent former Ducey staffer to land a new gig, though more are expected to land elsewhere in the near future as the governor prepares to leave office. Last week, former Ducey advisor and CD6 Rep.-elect Juan Ciscomani named Becky Freeman his chief of staff. Freeman, who was also



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Ciscomani's campaign manager, joined Ducey's office in 2015 shortly after he took office and eventually succeeded Ciscomani as the Governor's Director of Southern Arizona. She left Ducey's staff in January to join Ciscomani's campaign.

THE REAL FRENEMIES OF MARICOPA COUNTY

Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates released a statement in response to the AG's letter (<u>YS</u>, <u>11/21</u>) requesting information on the printing problems that impacted polling places on Election Day. Gates confirmed the county received the letter (<u>LINK</u>) from assistant AG Jennifer Wright on Saturday and "had a team working on a response all day Sunday, even as staff continued counting votes." Gates said they "look forward to answering the AG's questions with transparency as we have done throughout this election."

ATTORNEY GENERAL MAYES REPORTING FOR DUTY



Democratic AG-elect Kris Mayes promised to "get the partisanship out" of the AG's office in a press conference on Tuesday afternoon and repeated a campaign pledge to do something about a state deal that's letting Saudi Arabia pump Arizona water for a low price. "When I say we want to get the partisanship out of this office, I mean we're not going to be filing a whole bunch of frivolous federal lawsuits that are designed to get me on cable television. And I think there's been a lot of that that's happened in the recent past," she said. Mayes said she wants the AG's Election Integrity Unit to shift its focus to voter protection and said she'll look into prosecutions in cases of threats to elections officials. The letter sent by Wright last week, questioning Maricopa County's election administration could be one example of how she'll depart from Mark Brnovich's leadership of the office. "I don't particularly think that letter was very helpful... that's the kind of thing you would see change," Mayes said.

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HARVESTING ADRENOCHROME...IN THIS ECONOMY?

Staci Burk, a former Gilbert school board member and past Stop the Steal activist, filed a lawsuit (LINK) against Townsend claiming Townsend's amplification of "QAnon-like ideology and conspiracies," as an elected official violated her Fourth, Fourteenth and First Amendment rights. She alleged assault and battery, fraud, false imprisonment and both negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Townsend and Burk used to be friends, but the lawsuit alleges Townsend used conspiracy theories, namely the Stop the Steal movement, to manipulate Burk. Burk claims she was "gaslit." Much of the complaint stems from a tip Burk received from a "whistleblower," who alleged planes were flying in fake ballots during the 2020 election. In total, Burk lodged 132 allegations in the complaint, including points alleging that Townsend told Burk "repeatedly she was in danger because she was holding onto valuable information about election fraud." Burk also alleged Townsend's armed "security detail," forcefully took Burk's phone. That is similar to a claim Burk made to the Arizona Agenda last year, though at that time Burk did not mention Townsend and alleged a team connected to Michael Flynn took her phone (LINK). The lawsuit also mentions conspiracies surrounding child trafficking, including a charge that officials are "harvesting adrenochrome" by capturing, "the screams of children under 'fear and panic," and then using, "their blood for a sense of euphoria and youth." The lawsuits filing name drops figures from the election fraud ecosystem, like former President Donald Trump, multiple Arizona elected officials and members of True the Vote. Townsend told the Yellow Sheet she expects the lawsuit to be dismissed.

•WAKE UP CALL•

Hobbs picks current team member to be chief of staff

Arizona Capitol Times

After picking a Republican business leader and a Democratic state capitol veteran to lead her transition team, Secretary of State and Democratic Gov.-elect Katie Hobbs looked closer to home for her chief of staff.

Final vote tally shows Mayes wins as attorney general, race heading for recount

Capitol Media Services

Democrat Kris Mayes is expected to be the next attorney general of Arizona.

Brnovich demands answers from Maricopa County about what he suspects are election law violations *Capitol Media Services*

Attorney General Mark Brnovich is demanding answers from Maricopa County about what he said appear to be violations of state election law.

Supreme Court to consider Jack Daniel's request fighting Arizona company's use of dog toys

Capitol Media Services

If you want a squeaky dog toy that looks like a Jack Daniel's bottle, you had better order it soon.

GOP's lackluster fundraising spurs post-election infighting

Associated Press

Trailing badly in his Arizona Senate race as votes poured in, Republican Blake Masters went on Tucker Carlson's Fox News program and assigned blame to one person: Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Indian Health Service steps up push for Covid, other vaccines

Associated Press

The Indian Health Service announced that all tribal members covered by the federal agency will be offered a vaccine at every appointment when appropriate, under a new vaccine strategy.

Arizona students lobby as courts, Congress, fight over Oak Flat

Cronkite News

A loss of Indigenous land led a group of Arizona high school students and alumni in Washington last week to lobby

for a bill that would block development of a copper mine proposed for Oak Flat, land that is sacred to the San Carlos Apache.

Board approves Pinal election results

Maricopa Monitor

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors certified or "canvassed" the results of the county's Nov. 8 general election Monday morning after county staff addressed lingering concerns.

Two Arizona counties delay certification of 2022 election results

The Hill

Two rural Arizona counties have voted to delay certifying their ballot canvasses as some in the GOP claim voters were disenfranchised.

Kari Lake deserves our contempt, but so does an election system that never works

Arizona Republic (Opinion, Phil Boas)

Want to kill democracy? Keep screwing up elections, as Maricopa County officials have for a decade. Is Kari Lake Joan of Arc or Joan of Farce?

Arizona Republic (Opinion, EJ Montini)

Either the election thieves Lake talks about were really bad at stealing or the election was exactly like most elections, a mixed bag.

·PRESS RELEASES·

Governor-Elect Katie Hobbs Announces Diverse Transition Team of Arizona Leaders

Hobbs administration transition team holds first meeting in Phoenix

PHOENIX – Today, Governor-Elect Katie Hobbs announced the full slate of Arizona leaders in public service, business, labor, and advocacy who make up the Hobbs administration transition team. This announcement comes on the heels of Allie Bones' appointment as chief of staff, as well as Monica Villalobos and Mike Haener's appointments as transition team co-chairs.

Governor-Elect Hobbs' transition team reaffirms her commitment to creating a diverse and forward-looking coalition that will ensure a successful transition for the Governor-Elect and begin the hard work of finding solutions to the state's challenges.

"As I've said throughout my campaign, the issues facing us today aren't Democratic or Republican issues. They're Arizona issues, and we need bold leaders from both sides of the aisle to come together and deliver results," said Governor-Elect Hobbs. "I am proud to have a transition team that reflects that need, and I look forward to working with these outstanding local leaders on behalf of the people of Arizona."

The full transition team met in Phoenix today to discuss the incoming Hobbs administration's priorities, and how they will build an administration that will make Arizona the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Transition Team Members:

- Mike Haener, Transition Team Co-Chair
- Monica Villalobos, Transition Team Co-Chair
- David Adame
- Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren
- Ron Butler
- Chris Camacho
- Chad Campbell
- Coral Evans
- Marlene Galan-Woods
- Steve Gallardo
- Marisol Garcia
- John Giles

- John Graham
- Sharon Harper
- Martin Harvier
- Berdetta Hodge
- Andy Kunasek
- Jen Longdon
- Garrick McFadden
- Jim McLaughlin
- Peggy Neely
- Jackie Norton
- Tonya Norwood-Pearson
- Danny Ortega
- Lynne Pancrazi
- Stephanie Parra
- Frank Piccioli
- Regina Romero
- Fabian Sandez
- Alfred Urbina
- Mary Rose Wilcox
- Bob Worsley

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Statement from Chairman Bill Gates on Upcoming Canvass & AG Response

"Maricopa County has finished counting all legal ballots cast during the November General Election and will hold a public meeting to canvass the election on Monday, November 28. The canvass is required by law and is the full accounting of ballots cast. It's meant to provide a record of the votes counted and those that were not legally cast. There will be no delays or games; we will canvass in accordance with state law. Prior to the canvass, the County will respond to a letter from the Arizona Attorney General's Office requesting information about the administration of the November General Election. Board members received this letter on Saturday night and had a team working on a response all day Sunday, even as staff continued counting votes. We look forward to answering the AG's questions with transparency as we have done throughout this election."

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Increasing Job Opportunities for Military Spouses, Sinema Backs Bipartisan Bill

Sinema-backed legislation increases jobs for military spouses by incentivizing businesses to hire military families

WASHINGTON – Arizona senior Senator Kyrsten Sinema cosponsored the *Military Spouse Hiring Act* – bipartisan legislation that increases job opportunities for military spouses by incentivizing businesses to hire them.

"Arizona military spouses have made tremendous sacrifices supporting servicemembers and their families. Our bipartisan bill increases job opportunities for military spouses – empowering them with more career options of their choice," said Sinema.

"To date, efforts to address high rates of unemployment among military spouses has focused on enhancing professional development and education, but we haven't seen the needle move below 20%," said Jennifer Goodale, Director of Military Family Policy at the Military Officers Association of America. "We need a multipronged approach that includes incentivizing businesses to hire these talented spouses who have to move every two to three years. The Military Spouse Hiring Act is a Sinema's legislation adjusts the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include qualified military spouses within the Work Opportunity Tax Credit's targeted groups – increasing job opportunities for military spouses. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, nearly 1 in 4 military spouses are unemployed. Because members of the military often are required to move, their spouses can be at a disadvantage.

The *Military Spouse Hiring Act* complements Sinema's bipartisan *Military Spouse Employment Act*, which provides federal agencies clear authority to hire and allow military spouses to work fully remotely – ensuring the military spouse can continue serving the United States even if transferred to another location along with their spouse. The Senate Homeland Security Committee approved Sinema's bipartisan *Military Spouse Employment Act* in August.

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Sinema Volunteers with St. Mary's Food Bank, Emphasizes Importance of Giving Back

While completing her annual Thanksgiving volunteer service, Sinema underscored need for food security in Arizona and across the country

PHOENIX – Arizona senior Senator Kyrsten Sinema today distributed Thanksgiving meals to Arizona families with St. Mary's Food Bank. Each year, Sinema joins an Arizona non-profit to ensure Arizona families are fed on Thanksgiving Day.

"St. Mary's embodies the spirit of service – something we as Arizonans hold near to our hearts. I'm humbled to join them in their mission feeding Arizonans this Thanksgiving season, and I encourage all Arizonans to give back however they are able," said Sinema.

The <u>world's first food bank</u>, St. Mary's was founded in Phoenix in 1967 and remains one of the largest food banks in the United States. Arizonans can help St. Mary's continue their mission feeding Arizonans this holiday season by giving back at <u>www.firstfoodbank.org/give/</u>.

Over the weekend, Sinema distributed Thanksgiving meals to Arizona families with HonorHealth Desert Mission Food Bank.

Click **<u>HERE</u>** for more photos.

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FACT SHEET: Ongoing Threats to Democracy Persist After The Midterm Elections

Ongoing threats to democracy persist after the midterm elections with 'Stop the Steal' lies still making headlines. Election deniers held onto power and even gained ground in key states like Arizona, Wisconsin, and Florida. Worse still, MAGA Republicans are already resuming efforts to overturn the will of voters by undermining democratic institutions, from usurping Boards of Education to impeaching elected prosecutors. MAGA Republicans never stopped trying to silence and overturn the voice of the American people and their attacks only stand to escalate as they look to 2024 – and beyond.

The 'Stop the Steal' Movement Continues. Despite some of the most prominent election conspiracists losing in the midterm elections this year, MAGA Republicans are <u>already looking to 2024</u> for ways to overturn the will of voters. "[A]n entire swath of the Republican Party is now open to the idea that any narrow loss can be blamed on fraud. Trust in elections among rank-and-file GOP voters remains low, and in some respects has gotten worse, according to a recent survey from the Pew Research Center. The damage inflicted in 2020 endures. 'He's broken the seal,' Sarah Longwell, the publisher of The Bulwark, told me. Election denial 'is part of our politics now.'"

Threats to Local Election Administration Persist As Public Officials Are Forced to Relocate While Election Deniers Continue to Contest Results. Across the country, local election officials sounded the alarm about threats of violence and harassment in the lead-up to the midterm elections. Just weeks after Election Day in Arizona, Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates has moved to an "undisclosed location"

patrolled by a security detail for his own safety <u>due to security concerns connected to the 2022 midterm</u> <u>elections</u>. Gates has been an "outspoken critic of false claims that the 2020 election was stolen," prompting a wave of threats and harassment from MAGA Republicans emboldened by election deniers who continue to spread those same claims in 2022. In Cochise County, the board of supervisors <u>delayed certifying the</u> <u>results</u> after hearing from a trio of conspiracy theorists who alleged that counting machines "were not certified" – in spite of testimony from Arizona's state elections director that the equipment had been properly certified and accredited according to federal and state regulations. In Texas, voter fraud conspiracies have <u>similarly run rampant</u> as election deniers have seized on routine Election Day issues like paper ballot shortages and late openings of polling places in Houston.

Scores of State and Local Election Deniers Will Take Power After Running Unopposed. In most states, 97% state legislators with far-right ties – nearly 22% of all GOP state lawmakers – <u>won their elections</u>. One of these nominees, Arizona Republican Liz Harris, is already pushing ultimatums over baseless election fraud claims. Harris is refusing to cast a vote on any bill unless the 2022 election in Arizona is <u>completely redone</u>, alleging "clear signs of foul play" without providing any evidence of so-called manipulation or large-scale malfunction. In Michigan, <u>at least half</u> of the incoming class of GOP state lawmakers are election deniers. Worse still, three Republicans who echoed Trump's lies about the 2020 election and/or worked to overturn the results won in Republican-dominated states as an <u>"untold number" of election conspiracists</u> won local elections to control key positions that oversee and operate elections in counties, cities and other important municipalities across the country.

State-Level Election Deniers Held or Gained Ground In Key States Like Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, Republicans came just shy of a <u>veto-proof supermajority</u> in the legislature, gaining enough Senators to suspend rules, impeach and remove state officials, and speed up the process of passing bills, putting greater pressure on Governor Tony Evers' to use his veto power sparingly or face the threat of impeachment. With a <u>high-stakes Wisconsin Supreme Court race</u> looming in April 2023 and prominent legislators <u>continuing to call for "decertification"</u> of the 2020 election results, Wisconsin remains "electoral ground zero" for threats to democracy following the midterm elections.

In Florida, MAGA Governor Ron DeSantis Was Re-Elected By A Landslide After Restricting Ballot Access. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, who won re-election by a nearly 20-point margin, will <u>remain a</u> significant threat to democracy well into 2024. DeSantis' administration <u>refused to admit Justice</u> <u>Department monitors</u> conducting routine monitoring required under the Voting Rights Act that has been conducted since 1965. In August 2022, Florida police <u>arrested 20 people</u> charged with casting ballots illegally – even though the state had told them they were eligible to vote. That same month, Gov. DeSantis <u>suspended</u> State Attorney Andrew Warren for exercising prosecutorial discretion. Ahead of the 2022 midterms, the Florida election denier did everything in his power to reduce the voting power of racial and ethnic minorities by <u>gerrymandering Congressional districts</u>.

Election Deniers Are Already Subverting The Will Of Voters By Undermining Democratic Institutions. MAGA election deniers in several states have resumed efforts to undermine the will of voters by targeting democratic institutions. In Ohio, the state GOP is already moving to <u>strip power from the elected State Board of Education</u> after losing control of the board to Democrats for the first time in years. The bill would revoke the Board's power to develop educational policy, establish financial standards, or implement any programs, centralizing power in the hands of the GOP-controlled legislature. In Pennsylvania, the lame-duck GOP legislature is conducting a <u>last-minute impeachment trial</u> for elected Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner, marking the state's first impeachment in nearly 30 years. Finally, in Michigan, defeated Attorney General candidate Matt DePerno is <u>campaigning for Michigan GOP chair</u>. The MAGA lawyer spearheaded one of Trump's lawsuits to overturn the 2020 election and is at the heart of a criminal investigation over breaking into several voting machines in January 2021.

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Analysis: In-Home Support Benefits, Caregiver Support on the Rise in Medicare Advantage

Expanded supplemental benefits in Medicare Advantage climb 35% for 2023

Washington, D.C. – As Medicare's annual open enrollment period continues, a <u>new brief</u> commissioned by Better Medicare Alliance (BMA) and prepared by the actuarial consulting firm Milliman demonstrates that supplemental benefits in Medicare Advantage continue to expand for the 2023 coverage year.

Milliman's findings show that under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) 2018 reinterpretation of "primarily health-related" benefits, supplemental benefit offerings in Medicare Advantage including in-home support services, caregiver support, home-based palliative care, and therapeutic massage increased for the upcoming year.

Overall, the number of Medicare Advantage plans to offer at least one of the five recently expanded supplemental benefits jumped 35% (824 to 1,111) from 2022 to 2023 with the largest increase seen among in-home support services, now offered across 794 plans in 42 states. Likewise, Milliman reports that, "The prevalence of support for caregivers of enrollees almost tripled from 2021 to 2023."

"Medicare Advantage is affordable, high-quality Medicare for more than 29 million Americans. This research shows just some of the ways Medicare Advantage delivers the whole-person care seniors expect and deserve," said Mary Beth Donahue, President and CEO of the Better Medicare Alliance. "As seniors contend with rising household costs, their ability to access more benefits that are built into the affordable cost of their Medicare Advantage plan is welcome news."

"Latinos, and indeed all seniors, find value in Medicare Advantage supplemental benefits – which are important to making informed coverage decisions at enrollment time," said Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, MACP, President and CEO, National Hispanic Medical Association. "Milliman's research shows that these benefits in Medicare Advantage have increased 217% since 2020. Working with partners like Better Medicare Alliance, we will continue to champion benefit flexibility in Medicare Advantage that supports this sustained innovation."

"Through these supplemental benefits unavailable in fee-for-service Medicare, Medicare Advantage continues to deliver value for seniors and the health care system," said Kenneth Thorpe, PhD, Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management in the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and Chair of the Better Medicare Alliance Board of Directors. "With in-home support services now provided across Medicare Advantage plans in 42 states and caregiver support nearly tripling in prevalence from 2021 to 2023, it is clear that Medicare Advantage is seizing its opportunity to further bolster its benefit offerings in ways that are meaningful to beneficiaries."

"At Preferred Primary Care Physicians, our physicians and care teams across the greater Pittsburgh area know that the availability and use of benefits such as in-home support services, home-based palliative care, support for caregivers, and similar benefits can have a real-world impact on seniors' wellbeing and ability to manage disease progression. We celebrate the ways that Medicare Advantage is innovating and adapting to care for seniors beyond the four walls of health systems like ours," said Frank Civitarese, DO, President, Preferred Primary Care Physicians (Pennsylvania).

Read the full brief from Milliman **HERE**.

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Arizona Democracy Resilience Network urges Mohave County to approve election results now

The Arizona Democracy Resilience Network calls on the Mohave County Board of Supervisors to put political statements aside and canvass the election results in that county as required by law.

The board voted to delay the canvassing to the Nov. 28 deadline, with Mohave County supervisor Hildy Angius saying: "It's a political statement. I'm not going to lie."

She said the delay was intended to send a message to Maricopa County that the way it ran the elections there was "unacceptable" and it should get its "act together."

The decision by the Mohave supervisors was not based on facts or on how the elections were run in their own county. Rather, the supervisors themselves praised their election workers and said there was no evidence that called the Mohave County election into question.

There is no evidence that challenges with printers in Maricopa County affected the validity of the results there. These issues are not relevant to the certification of the vote in Mohave County. The Mohave Board of Supervisors is legally required to meet and canvass the elections.

This is the second county to delay its canvass. The Cochise County Board of Supervisors also delayed its canvass due to unproven claims that vote counting machines were not certified by an accredited lab. Secretary of State Elections Director Kori Lorick told the board that the machines and the testing company were certified.

Refusing to canvass the results in Mohave and Cochise Counties would disenfranchise Arizona voters. The Arizona Democracy Resilience Network urges all counties in Arizona to abide by the law and canvass election results without delay. The will of the voters should be respected.



"I will not be surprised if all this yammering on about lawsuits and stuff doesn't just sort of fade and turn into a big fundraising effort that has nothing to do with a lawsuit."

- Democratic lawyer Jim Barton on Kari Lake's threats to challenge election results