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ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT

MARICOPA COUNTY

RON GOULD, in his individual capacity, Plaintiff, v. KRIS MAYES, in her official capacity as the Attorney General of the State of Arizona, Defendant.	No. CV2024-000815 **PROPOSED INTERVENOR-DEFENDANT ARIZONA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTION TO MOTION OF LOCAL COUNSEL** (Assigned to the Hon. Brad Astrowsky)

Proposed Intervenor-Defendant the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans (the "Alliance"), through undersigned counsel, hereby opposes Plaintiff's objection to the motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Lalitha D. Madduri, which was filed on February 27, 2024.

The *pro hac vice* motion is not premature. Attorney Madduri seeks to represent the Alliance in the contested intervention proceedings in this case, and Arizona law requires an attorney to obtain *pro hac vice* admission before appearing in Arizona courts. *See* Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 39(b)(2) ("Until the applicant's admission is granted, the applicant may not appear before a court of record or tribunal in Arizona that requires pro hac vice admission."). It would therefore be nonsensical for Attorney Madduri to wait to apply for *pro hac vice* admission until after the Court rules on intervention, as Plaintiff suggests. Doing so would prohibit her from representing the Alliance in its effort to intervene—including at any hearing on the motion for intervention. The rules do not require that the Alliance proceed without its counsel of choice in the litigation surrounding its intervention; quite to the contrary, they require that any attorney who represents them in these proceedings who is not already admitted to the Arizona bar obtain *pro hac vice* admission.

Accordingly, this Court should reject Plaintiff's objection and grant Attorney Madduri's *pro hac vice* motion.[1]

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[1] In accordance with this Court's rules of procedure, the Alliance will not respond to Plaintiff's separate objection to this Court's February 27, 2024 order granting the motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Attorneys Daniel Cohen and Julie Zuckerbrod unless this Court orders a response. This is because Plaintiff's objection is effectively a motion for reconsideration of a court order, and the Alliance understands that it may not file a response "unless the court orders otherwise." Ariz. R. Civ. P. 7.1(e)(2). However, the Alliance would welcome an opportunity to respond should the Court so order. *See id.* ("No motion for reconsideration may be granted . . . without the court providing all other parties an opportunity to respond.").

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of March, 2024.

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