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Dear Pinal County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Neal Carter and I am writing to you because after much prayer and discernment, I decided to put my name forward to serve representing our interests as Arizona Representative for District 8.

I would like to highlight some pertinent points about me and about why I am putting my name forward.

I am a longtime resident of District 8. I purchased my house in San Tan Heights in 2010. I care for this community. That's why I've adopted a segment of Hunt Highway under the County's Adopt a Road Program. That's why I host the San Tan Valley Quarterly barbecue, San Tan Valley's only regular municipal event. Instead of complaining that we lack events, I figured, why not step up to the plate and address the issue? It's why I volunteer on a weekly basis with my church hosting a communion service at the prison in Florence. It's why I represent veterans groups like the Coolidge Veterans Commission, a 501(c)(3) organization, free of charge when they need it, even all the way up to winning a Pinal County Superior Court jury trial on their behalf. It's why I assist individual veterans who encounter difficulties navigating the VA for their rightful benefits.

It's why I act as general counsel for the Pinal County Republican Committee and for the San Tan Valley Advisory Council, both free of charge. I am aware that the Board of Supervisors has recently awarded a grant to the San Tan Valley Advisory Council, based on its pending 501(c)(3) status. I'm proud to say that you, the Board of Supervisors, were able to make this grant because as legal counsel to the San Tan Valley Advisory Council, I drafted the 501(c)(3) application and am shepherding it through the IRS's approval process, without which your support of the Advisory Council would be impossible.

When the community reaches out for support, I am ready to do anything I can to support it. Many of you may remember that two years ago County staff initiated an attempt to include a portion of the San Tan Foothills into the San Tan Valley Area Plan, a move that was widely opposed by residents in the concerned area. I appeared alongside them at the Planning and Zoning Committee and at the Board of Supervisor's meeting to plead for our residents' preferred course of action and am proud to say that the Board of Supervisors agreed not to include the concerned area in the Plan.

My concern for this community is why, last election cycle, I put my name forward for this very position and indeed won the position in Pinal County as the people's choice for Arizona State House of Representatives in District 8.

I am concerned because our community deserves superior representation. Representation in line with our values, in touch with our needs, in tune with our future.

Local concerns that are close to my heart include attracting new businesses and jobs, which is why I am a member of, and regularly attend, the Pinal Partnership for years, now. I am also concerned for our water future, which is why I have been a regular attendee at water town halls throughout the Epcor-JU transition process and beyond, most recently attending a panel on water in Maricopa on September 17. I saw Supervisors Miller and McClure there. Transit is another deep concern of mine, which is why I make it my business to attend every hearing or town hall on transportation or the North-South Corridor that transpires in our community. Most recently, I ran into Supervisor Goodman at the Town Hall on transportation that he so graciously sponsored on September 21. Finally, I am concerned for election integrity and have attended *all* of the Independent Redistricting Commission's meetings in Pinal County.

I would be remiss if I didn't point out that I am a staunch pro-life person. If you are not looking for a pro-life candidate, please, don't pick me. I make no apologies for being pro-life. My little sister has Down Syndrome and I shudder at the thought of genetic-selective abortion. But I believe in putting your money where your mouth is. That's why I spearheaded an effort to raise money to install a sonogram machine at the Pinal County location of the Compassion Care Center on Skyline Drive so that expectant mothers can see their baby. Did you know that four out of five expectant mothers who see their baby choose life? The glory belongs to God on this one, as usual, since He multiplied my efforts and in fact provided a stationary sonogram machine for Compassion Queen Creek's Skyline Drive location *and* a mobile unit to travel to under-served locations in our County! We are currently raising money for diapers and gas cards for the mobile unit.

I am committed to election integrity. I have always been! In 2008, I volunteered with the Republican National Lawyers Association to observe polls, and I have been a poll watcher ever since. In 2016, I was a Republican poll watcher for my precinct (85), and in 2018 I was a poll watcher again and volunteer for the vote verification process the day following the election. In 2020, I was assigned 8 polls to support poll watchers for, and I observed the ballot counting process at central count in Coolidge. The above shows that there is no doubt as to my commitment to election integrity.

I am committed to superior schools. I worked for Coolidge Unified School District in 2011 as a substitute teacher and I am, this Saturday, October 16, sponsoring a school board candidate training in Florence, to make sure that our community has superior candidates for our local school boards, candidates who are equipped to run and *win* their elections.

Lastly, I believe that the government isn't often the best answer. That's why I support local non-profits. I serve as legal counsel for the Pan de Vida Foundation and also volunteer for Compassion Queen Creek every year in putting on an event offering free dental and vision care for the community. Often, faith-based organizations like these can go much farther in reaching our community and providing some essential services as a fraction of the cost than the government can.

Thank you for your involvement in this process and thank you so much for your service on the Pinal County Board of Supervisors. Together we can ensure that the future of Arizona is even more bright than its past.

Yours Truly,

/s/ Neal K. Carter