

October 18, 2021

Dear Chairman Miller and Supervisors Cavanaugh, Goodman, McClure, and Serdy,

My name is Steve Smith and I write you all to convey my interest in the appointment for Representative Bret Roberts' seat in the Arizona House of Representatives following his resignation. Not only do I believe I am the most qualified candidate for this appointment, but the people of Pinal County support me as well.

Specifically, I served and represented the constituents of Pinal County for 8 years in the Arizona Legislature from 2011-2019 (2 years in the House of Representatives and 6 years in the Senate). During those elections over those 8 years, it was reported that I received the most votes of anyone who had previously represented our district, demonstrating that the people of Pinal County time and again have overwhelmingly supported me to represent them. I was routinely ranked the #1 Legislator in the Arizona and I have championed issues on behalf of Pinal County ranging from protecting water rights, supporting agriculture, providing economic aid, advocating for better education, and more.

Additionally, Representative Bret Roberts himself publicly supports me as his replacement and personally asked that I take over his seat following his resignation. That is important because I believe the Board of Supervisors should not only respect the wishes of Representative Roberts himself, but also because Bret received the most votes of any candidate in the last General election in 2020 which demonstrates the people strongly supported him as well.

Recall also the Bret Roberts lived in the City of Maricopa, where I reside as well. Maricopa is the largest incorporated city in all of Pinal County. Bret and I along with many others believe that Maricopa needs to continue to have a voice at the State Capitol and I am the only candidate who in fact lives in Maricopa.

To further demonstrate my support for this appointment, in the vote amongst the Precinct Committeemen (PC's) on October 17, 2021 to determine who they wanted to replace Bret Roberts, I received the most votes over any other candidate (approximately 25% higher than the second-place vote-getter and approximately 60% higher than the third-place).

2022 is a pivotal year where Arizona is recovering from the effects of COVID and there is much work to be done in the State Legislature to help continue to make Pinal County and Arizona as free, safe, and prosperous as possible. It is vital that the person receiving this appointment can seamlessly pick up where Bret left off and immediately begin working on the issues affecting our community. I am the only candidate with Legislative experience and the only candidate who the people have voted for and trusted to work on their behalf.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to adhere to the will of the people and appoint me to replace Bret Roberts in the State House.

Thank you for your consideration. God bless!

Steve Smith

(former State Senator and State Representative representing Pinal County)