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7 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA**  
8 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

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10 SANDRA RODRIGUEZ,

11 **Plaintiff,**

12 vs.

13 GARDENS GILBERT COMMUNITY  
14 ASSOCIATION an Arizona non profit  
15 corporation; FOCUS HOA  
16 MANAGEMENT, LLC, and Arizona  
17 limited liability company; HARMIN  
18 CADIS, BROOKE SORTOR, ANNA  
19 SCHULTZ

20 **Defendants,**

**MARICOPA COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT**  
Case No.: CV2024-005940  
*Judge David McDowell,*

**NOTICE OF GOOD FAITH  
COMPLIANCE COURT ORDER  
DATED FEBRURARY 3, 2026**

21 **TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE MCDOWELL:**

22 Plaintiff respectfully submits this Notice and Motion and states as follows:

23 **I. INTRODUCTION AND GOOD-FAITH COMPLIANCE**

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25 *Plaintiff first wishes to thank the Court for its February 2, 2026 Ruling (electronically*  
26 *filed February 3, 2026), which permitted amendment of the complaint and established a*  
27 *procedural path forward in this matter.*

28 Plaintiff has worked diligently and continuously to comply with the Court's directives.  
Plaintiff did not receive notice of the Court's ruling until the late afternoon of February 5, 2026,

1 substantially reducing the already limited compliance period. Upon receiving notice, Plaintiff  
2 immediately began preparing the Amended Complaint and exhibits for filing and service and has  
3 worked continuously since that time in a good-faith effort to comply fully with the Court's Order.

4 **II. PRACTICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF FULL COMPLIANCE WITHIN THE**  
5 **TIME PROVIDED**

6 The Amended Complaint references approximately 739 exhibits, including photographs,  
7 videos, and documentary evidence accumulated over multiple years of litigation.  
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9 Plaintiff was informed by the Court's judicial assistant that the exhibits were required to  
10 be submitted in paper format. Compliance with this requirement required extraordinary physical  
11 and financial resources. Plaintiff has utilized substantial printing materials, including  
12 approximately three boxes containing thirty reams of paper, in an effort to comply within the  
13 allotted timeframe.

14 Because Plaintiff is an indigent litigant of limited financial means, the cost and logistical  
15 burden of reproducing the entire exhibit set within the shortened notice period proved impossible  
16 despite sustained and continuous efforts. The inability to complete submission of all exhibits was  
17 therefore not the result of delay or disregard, but the practical consequence of timing, volume,  
18 and resource limitations.

19 Plaintiff respectfully submits that the issue presented is not a lack of diligence, but the  
20 practical reality that requiring reproduction of nearly eight hundred exhibits within a compressed  
21 timeframe created circumstances in which full compliance could not reasonably be completed  
22 despite substantial effort.

23 **III. PRIOR EXPEDITED REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

24 Plaintiff respectfully incorporates this clarification to preserve the record in light of  
25 Plaintiff's previously filed *Request for Leave to File Physical Evidence & Time Extension* dated  
26 February 10, 2026, in which Plaintiff sought guidance and reasonable accommodations to comply  
27 fully with the Court's February 2, 2026 Order. Plaintiff's continued good-faith efforts to comply  
28 with the Court's filing requirements, including the preparation and submission of extensive  
exhibits as described therein, should not be construed as a waiver of any procedural objections

1 where full compliance was materially affected by timing constraints, exhibit volume, and practical  
2 limitations beyond Plaintiff's reasonable control. See Plaintiff's Motion at Sections I-III.

3 **IV. DUE DILIGENCE, DISPARITY, AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO BE**  
4 **HEARD**

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6 Plaintiff has exercised substantial diligence in attempting to comply with the Court's  
7 Order, expending significant personal time and resources in good faith. Plaintiff respectfully  
8 recognizes the Court's concern that this matter has been pending for an extended period and  
9 shares the Court's interest in moving the case forward efficiently.

10 However, requiring reproduction of hundreds of exhibits exclusively through paper filing  
11 creates a substantial disparity for an indigent self-represented litigant. Plaintiff does not seek  
12 preferential treatment or exemption from procedural rules, but rather a fair and reasonable  
13 opportunity to comply so that her claims may be adjudicated on their merits.

14 Arizona courts recognize that procedural rules must be applied in a manner consistent  
15 with fairness and meaningful access to adjudication. The Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure are to  
16 be construed:

17 *"to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action."*

18 — *Ariz. R. Civ. P. 1*

19 Arizona appellate courts likewise emphasize that cases should be resolved on their merits  
20 whenever reasonably possible rather than through procedural barriers. *Brown v. U.S. Fidelity &*  
21 *Guaranty Co.*, 194 Ariz. 85, 88 (1998).

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23 Fundamental due process guarantees litigants a meaningful opportunity to present their  
24 claims, not merely a theoretical one. *Curtis v. Richardson*, 212 Ariz. 308, 312 (App. 2006).

25 Here, the volume of required paper exhibits, combined with delayed notice and limited  
26 financial resources, created circumstances that effectively prevented full compliance despite  
27 diligent efforts. A limited extension will allow completion of the record while preserving fairness  
28 to all parties and promoting adjudication on the merits.

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## V. GOOD CAUSE FOR LIMITED EXTENSION

Under Rule 6(b), Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court may extend deadlines for good cause where a party demonstrates diligence and circumstances outside their reasonable control.

**Plaintiff has:**

- acted promptly upon receiving notice of the Court’s Order;
- worked continuously and in good faith to comply with the Court’s Order, including personally delivering copies of the Amended Civil Complaint, Master Exhibit List, and exhibits to Defendants’ counsel’s office to ensure prompt service and strict compliance with the Court’s directives;
  - expended substantial personal resources to meet the Court’s requirements;
  - filed a prior motion seeking relief before the deadline; and
  - substantially complied to the extent reasonably possible under the circumstances.

These facts establish good cause warranting a limited extension of time.

## VI. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court:

1. Acknowledge Plaintiff’s filing and service of the Amended Civil Complaint and accompanying exhibits submitted on February 13, 2026, in good-faith compliance with the Court’s Order;
2. Provide direction regarding the appropriate method for submission of the remaining exhibits referenced in the Amended Complaint, including whether such materials may be submitted in paper format, electronically, or through physical electronic media (such as USB storage), so that Plaintiff may complete

1 the record in an efficient and cost-effective manner consistent with the Court's  
2 procedures; and

- 3 3. Grant such further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate to ensure the  
4 evidentiary record may be completed and this matter resolved on its merits.

5 Without authorization to file electronic exhibits via physical media and a brief extension  
6 of time, rigid application of filing mechanics would prevent meaningful presentation of evidence,  
7 contrary to Rule 1 and due-process principles. *See* Ariz. R. Civ. P. 1; *State v. Fitzgerald*, 232 Ariz.  
8 208, 211 (App. 2013); *Curtis v. Richardson*, 212 Ariz. 308, 312 (App. 2006).

9 Plaintiff has acted diligently and in good faith, and good cause exists under Rule 6(b).  
10 Granting the requested relief will ensure a complete and reviewable record, promote resolution  
11 on the merits, and will not prejudice Defendants. *See Gorman v. City of Phoenix*, 152 Ariz. 179,  
12 181 (1987).

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15 Respectfully submitted this 13th day of February 2026.

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1 **X. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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3 I served copies of this **NOTICE OF GOOD FAITH COMPLIANCE COURT**  
4 **ORDER DATED FEBRURARY 3, 2026** for on all parties of record via U.S. Mail.

5 **OPPOSING PARTY INFORMATION**

6 **DEFENDANTS:**

- 7           o Gardens Gilbert Community Association  
8           o Focus HOA Management, LLC  
9           o Harmin Cadis  
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13 **DEFENDANT'S LEGAL COUNSEL:**

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17 Respectfully submitted this 13th day of February 2026.

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