

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2024-005940

05/06/2026

HONORABLE DAVID MCDOWELL

CLERK OF THE COURT
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SANDRA RODRIGUEZ

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4375 E BETSY LN
GILBERT AZ 85296

v.

GARDENS GILBERT COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION, et al.

AUGUSTUS H SHAW IV

JUDGE BLANCHARD
JUDGE MCDOWELL

RECUSAL

Ms. Rodriguez indicated to the Commission on Judicial Conduct that she believes this Court is biased against her as a result of its rulings in this matter. The Court has no bias against Ms. Rodriguez and has been fair and impartial in all of its rulings.

However, Ms. Rodriguez's should feel like her judge is impartial and unbiased and for that reason I am recusing myself from this action. The Presiding Civil Division Judge will appoint a new Judge to this matter.

At this time the Court is aware of the following Motions that have not been decided:

- March 31, 2026 Defendants' Verified Partial Motion to Dismiss (Dkt #264). The Court did not receive a document entitled a Response but did receive an April 3, 2026 *Plaintiff's Motion to Strike or Deny Defendant's (sic) Partial Motion to Dismiss* which the Court will treat as a Response.¹ (Dkt #267) No reply has been received.
- April 23, 2026 *Motion to Declare Defendants and their Legal Counsel Shaw and Dente*

¹ The Court has previously denied the Motion to Strike as procedurally improper.

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Vexatious Litigants and Request for Sanctions. (Dkt #274) Defendants were ordered to submit a response. The response is due May 14, 2026.

- May 4, 2026 *Statement of Discovery Dispute* filed by Plaintiff. Defendants were ordered to submit their portion of the statement by May 5, 2026.

Unless and until the new judge affirms this Court's prior order that Defendants do not need to respond to each of Plaintiff's motions and filings unless directed to do so, Defendants should file responses.

The Court did address Defendants' request to extend one deadline contained in the February 2, 2026 Scheduling Order, the Court believed it best that any requests to change the other deadlines be addressed by the new Judge in this matter.