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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,**

**PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR
CLARIFICATION REGARDING
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE HANDLING,
PRESERVATION, AND RECORD
STATUS**

21 **TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE MCDOWELL:**

22 Rodriguez respectfully requests clarification regarding the handling, preservation, review,
23 and record status of the supplemental electronic evidence submitted to Judge McDowell’s
24 chambers on March 13, 2026. As reflected in Plaintiff’s prior correspondence and Supplemental
25 Physical Evidence filing, Plaintiff delivered a USB containing supplemental exhibits after being
26 instructed by the Clerk of Court and Civil Administration to do so. Plaintiff also requested
27 clarification regarding whether the materials would be uploaded to the docket and incorporated
28 into the official court record. Court staff later advised in writing: *“Judge will be issuing a new*

1 *Minute Entry on how to upload it to docket.*” Plaintiff relied on that representation; however, no
2 further minute entry, order, or instruction issued before Judge McDowell’s recusal.

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4 Plaintiff’s Supplemental Physical Evidence filing identified and submitted electronic
5 exhibits 1–1924, including videos, recordings, photographs, and related materials referenced
6 throughout the Amended Civil Complaint and Master Exhibit List. The USB was submitted
7 pursuant to the Court’s February 23, 2026 Order authorizing physical exhibits because Arizona
8 Rules of Civil Procedure and appellate preservation principles require an accurate and complete
9 record.

10 Plaintiff respectfully requests clarification regarding:

- 11 1. whether the USB evidence was reviewed by Judge McDowell;
- 12 2. whether the USB evidence has been accepted and preserved by the Court;
- 13 3. whether the materials are associated with the official record;
- 14 4. whether Plaintiff must separately upload, lodge, or re-submit the materials; and
- 15 5. how the Court intends to preserve these materials for future proceedings and
16 appellate review.

17 Plaintiff references her prior Supplemental Physical Evidence filing and related
18 correspondence for background and respectfully seeks clarification to ensure proper preservation
19 of the evidentiary record.

20 Respectfully submitted,

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22 Sandra Rodriguez
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24 II. EXHIBITS

- 25 1. **Exhibit 1 – Plaintiff Sandra Rodriguez’s March 13, 2026 Email to Judicial Assistant**
26 **Regarding Submission of Supplemental Physical Electronic Evidence and Request for**
27 **Clarification Regarding Uploading and Inclusion in the Official Court Record.**
- 28 2. **Exhibit 2 – March 13, 2026 Response from Judicial Assistant Jailinee Najera Rubio**
Advising that “Judge will be issuing a new Minute Entry on how to upload it to docket.”

1 **III. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I served copies of this *PLAINTIFF'S CLARIFICATION REGARDING HANDLING,*
3 *PRESERVATION, AND RECORD STATUS PHYSICAL EVIDENCE* for on all parties of
4 record via U.S. Mail.
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6 **OPPOSING PARTY INFORMATION**

7 **DEFENDANTS:**

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 - 9 o Gardens Gilbert Community Association
 - 10 o Focus HOA Management, LLC
 - 11 o Harmin Cadis
 - 12 o Brooke Sortor
 - 13 o Anna Schultz
 - 14 • **Address:** 4135 E. Power Road, Suite 133, Mesa, Arizona 85212

15 **DEFENDANT'S LEGAL COUNSEL:**

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 - 17 • **Name:** Augustus H. Shaw IV
 - 18 • **Firm:** Shaw & Lines, LLC
 - 19 • **Address:** 1490 S. Price Road, Suite 318 Chandler, Arizona 85286

20 Respectfully submitted this 10th day of May 2026.

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22 Sandra Rodriguez

EXHIBIT 1



Sandra Rodriguez <sandra.rodriguez0339@gmail.com>

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Sandra Rodriguez <sandra.rodriguez0339@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 13, 2026 at 1:00 PM

To: "Jailinee Najera Rubio (SUP)" <Jailinee.Najera@jbazmc.maricopa.gov>

Cc: Augustus Shaw <ashaw@shawlines.com>, CVJ05@jbazmc.maricopa.gov

Bcc: Sandra Rodriguez <sandra.rodriguez0339@gmail.com>

Good morning Jalinee,

At about 8:30 am this morning, I dropped off a physical copy of the motion and the USB containing the referenced exhibits to Judge McDowell's chambers, as both the Clerk of the Court and Civil Administration previously advised me to do. When I initially attempted to provide the USB to both offices, they refused to accept it despite my referencing the Court's instructions.

Could you please confirm whether the evidence I submitted will be uploaded to the docket? The individual who received the documents and USB in Judge McDowell's chambers (a white male whose name I did not catch) indicated that the materials would not be uploaded.

Please also clarify who is responsible for ensuring that the materials I provided are properly included in the official court record and reflected on the docket.

For the record, I will also be mailing copies of these filings to Defendants today.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there are any additional steps I need to take moving forward.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sandra Rodriguez

EXHIBIT 2



Sandra Rodriguez <sandra.rodriguez0339@gmail.com>

Physical Evidence Filed / CV2024-005940

Jailinee Najera Rubio (SUP) <Jailinee.Najera@jbazmc.maricopa.gov>

Fri, Mar 13, 2026 at 2:12 PM

To: Sandra Rodriguez <sandra.rodriguez0339@gmail.com>

Cc: Augustus Shaw <ashaw@shawlines.com>, "CVJ05@jbazmc.maricopa.go" <CVJ05@jbazmc.maricopa.go>

Good afternoon,

Judge will be issuing a new Minute Entry on how to upload it to docket.

Thank you,

Jailinee Najera

Courtroom Assistant to the Honorable Judge McDowell

Email Jailinee.Najera@jbazmc.maricopa.gov**Division Email** CVJ05@jbazmc.maricopa.gov**TEAMS Link** <https://tinyurl.com/jbazmc-cvj05a>101 W Jefferson St. 5th Floor - Courtroom 511

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From: Sandra Rodriguez <sandra.rodriguez0339@gmail.com>**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2026 1:00 PM**To:** Jailinee Najera Rubio (SUP) <Jailinee.Najera@jbazmc.maricopa.gov>**Cc:** Augustus Shaw <ashaw@shawlines.com>; CVJ05@jbazmc.maricopa.go <CVJ05@jbazmc.maricopa.go>**Subject:** Physical Evidence Filed / CV2024-005940

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