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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 REQUEST FOR
LEAVE TO FILE
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
& TIME EXTENSION**

21 **TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE MCDOWELL:**

22 Plaintiff, appearing pro se, respectfully moves this Court for an order (1) authorizing the
23 filing of physical electronic exhibits via USB flash drive with the Clerk of the Court, and (2)
24 granting a reasonable extension of time to complete filing of the Amended Civil Complaint and
25 accompanying exhibits. This motion is made pursuant to Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure 6(b),
26 10(c), 26.1, and 34, and in furtherance of due process and judicial efficiency. Good cause exists
27 as set forth below.
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I. BACKGROUND

1. Rodriguez received the Court's order by U.S. Mail on Thursday, February 5, 2026, leaving fewer than the full ten (10) days to comply with the order's requirements.
2. Plaintiff has prepared the Amended Civil Complaint as directed by the Court, which relies upon extensive video-based evidence documenting Defendants' conduct, conditions, and events occurring over a multi-year period from 2023 through 2026.
3. The evidentiary record includes hundreds of video files, including lengthy, high-resolution recordings that exceed electronic filing limits, cannot be practically submitted in paper form, and for which no court-approved upload option was provided to Plaintiff.
4. These videos are not cumulative or illustrative only; rather, they are substantive evidentiary exhibits that corroborate Plaintiff's factual allegations and are necessary to accurately present the claims asserted in the Amended Complaint.

II. REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO FILE PHYSICAL EXHIBITS

4. Arizona courts retain discretion to permit alternative methods of filing exhibits where electronic filing is impracticable or would materially impair the presentation of evidence.
5. Plaintiff respectfully requests an order authorizing her to lodge and file electronic exhibits on physical media (USB flash drives) with the Clerk of the Court, consistent with clerk procedures, once the Court grants permission.
6. If granted, Plaintiff will present the Court's order to the Clerk and file the flash drives in compliance with all labeling, indexing, and service requirements ordered by the Court.
7. Granting this request promotes judicial economy, preserves the integrity of the evidentiary record, and avoids piecemeal or incomplete submissions.

1 Without authorization to file electronic exhibits via physical media and a brief extension
2 of time, rigid application of filing mechanics would prevent meaningful presentation of evidence,
3 contrary to Rule 1 and due-process principles. *See* Ariz. R. Civ. P. 1; *State v. Fitzgerald*, 232 Ariz.
4 208, 211 (App. 2013); *Curtis v. Richardson*, 212 Ariz. 308, 312 (App. 2006).

5 Plaintiff has acted diligently and in good faith, and good cause exists under Rule 6(b).
6 Granting the requested relief will ensure a complete and reviewable record, promote resolution
7 on the merits, and will not prejudice Defendants. *See Gorman v. City of Phoenix*, 152 Ariz. 179,
8 181 (1987).

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11 Respectfully submitted this 10th day of February 2026.

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1 **X. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I served copies of this **PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE**
3 **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE & TIME EXTENSION** for on all parties of record via U.S. Mail.
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5 **OPPOSING PARTY INFORMATION**


6 **DEFENDANTS:**

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8 o Focus HOA Management, LLC
9 o Harmin Cadis
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13 **DEFENDANT'S LEGAL COUNSEL:**

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