

I've always said so long as there's hope for both sides to work with one another, I want to do all I can in my limited power to have us work amicably together. We still have time to work together on this.

My No vote today will give the Board time to resolve itself on how to legally proceed with providing these public records for independent sunshine and scrutiny, while also providing 100% protection for the private nature of an individual's vote. This is Arizona - we know how to walk and chew gum at the same time.

I've heard from both sides and there has been some mistrust of the other sides' respective motives whether it's been due to media interviews, press releases, or social media posts. Which is why it's critical that we the State Senate and the County Board of Supervisors find a way to amicably work together and address the concerns of both sides.

No elected official whether at the County Board level or the state legislative level should have to have a police presence outside of their homes due to a sincere policy disagreement (Speaker Bowers, some of the BOS members).

I believe the Board genuinely seeks the confidence and clarity from a Court order to legally proceed. They seek to obtain it, and we seek that they get that legal confidence - post haste.

Overall, I believe the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has no policy disagreement with additional audits of the last election, and ultimately that is exactly what should happen. An abundance of oversight and review of government is precisely the job of this Senate. It will happen where all parties have legal confidence, it should happen without contempt charges, and the legal process to proceed is underway.

Arizona citizens demand confidence, clarity, and TRANSPARENCY in their election system. Audits provide more confidence, more sunshine.

The Arizona Senate demands that those voter expectations are met, and it is my opinion that the subpoena power is clearly both a broad and effective tool to provide accountability to our citizens. It is used sparingly, and reluctantly for an important reason - **measured restraint is a virtue**.

Subpoenas to legislative committees are about providing a public, transparent conversation in front of our citizens. That authority is clear, and it WILL be used if necessary.

Lawmakers should be praised, not condemned, for passionately protecting the will of the voters. It's noble, and it's righteous.

Make no mistake, today's vote merely provides a little bit more time for us to work together charitably and amicably as friends for the sole purpose of gaining more clarity. It is NOT a final determination, nor is it the end of this process.

My vote today is about prayerful patience. It's about resolving disagreements civilly, and these are things that I believe all of the Senators can agree upon regardless of our respective vote today.