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## **Statement from Maricopa County Recorder**

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"Twenty-eight years ago, Maricopa County voters gave me the honor to serve as County Recorder. Throughout that time we've built one of the most revered recording systems in the country, and led the charge to make registering to vote and voting more accessible than ever.

This election the voters spoke once again.

I want to congratulate Adrian Fontes on a hard fought race and give my word that I will do everything I can to make this a seamless transition.

I want to express my appreciation to everyone who voted, regardless of how they voted. I've spent my career dedicated to our election process, and there is no greater joy than seeing such high turnout and participation.

Most importantly I want to thank the hardworking women and men in my office for their tireless service. I'm forever grateful to have served alongside this team, and I'm eternally indebted to the residents and voters of Maricopa County for affording me the opportunity. It has been the pleasure and privilege of a lifetime, and one I will never take for granted—just as I hope you will never take for granted this awesome and truly American responsibility of participating in the electoral process."

Maricopa County Recorder, Helen Purcell