

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2025-002634

05/22/2025

HONORABLE JENNIFER RYAN-TOUHILL

CLERK OF THE COURT
C. Lacey
Deputy

THOMAS J GUSICH

JONATHAN A DESSAULES

v.

SUN CITY GRAND COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION INC

LAUREN ELLIOTT STINE

DAVID ERIC WOOD
CURTIS S EKMARK
DANIEL G ROBERTS
JUDGE RYAN-TOUHILL

MINUTE ENTRY

Prior to the commencement of the hearing, Plaintiff's exhibits 1 through 22 and Defendant's exhibits 1 through 23 are submitted electronically.

East Court Building - Courtroom 414

10:05 a.m. This is the time set for an Evidentiary Hearing. Plaintiff, Thomas J. Gusich, who is present, is represented by counsel, Jonathan A. Dessaulles, David E. Wood, and Curtis S. Ekmark. Defendant, Sun City Grand Community Association, is represented by counsel, Lauren E. Stine, Daniel G. Roberts, and Jack Contrera.

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Discussion is held regarding Nancy M. Collins' Motion to Quash Witness Subpoena, filed May 19, 2025.

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Counsel agree on the record to release Nancy M. Collins as a witness in this matter. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED granting the Motion and releasing Nancy M. Collins from her subpoena.

The Rule of Exclusion of Witnesses is invoked.

10:10 a.m. The Court and counsel confer in chambers. Court stands at recess.

10:13 a.m. Court reconvenes with respective parties and counsel present.

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The Court provides a summary of the bench conference. The Court and counsel discussed possible ethical concerns regarding Mr. Wood's testimony at the evidentiary hearing while representing Plaintiff.

Discussion is held regarding pretrial disclosure and the potential requirement for a custodian of records. The parties, as officers of the court, stipulate to Defendant's electronic delivery of records regarding the petition and accompanying emails.

The Court declines to discuss or decide admissibility beyond foundation for record disclosure.

For reasons stated on the record,

IT IS ORDERED continuing this Evidentiary Hearing to **July 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (2 hours allotted)** in this Division.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting Oral Argument on Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, filed April 9, 2025, on **June 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (1 hour allotted)** in this Division. Counsel and the parties, if representing themselves, shall appear in person before:

**The Honorable Jennifer Ryan-Touhill
Maricopa County Superior Court
East Court Building
101 W. Jefferson
4th Floor, Courtroom 414**

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Oral argument shall be limited to 1 hour with the time divided equally between the sides.

The Court advises the parties that its ruling on the Motion to Dismiss is likely to issue well in advance of the Evidentiary Hearing date.

10:48 a.m. Matter concludes.

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