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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Kendrick Wilson regarding the Precinct 9 Justice of the Peace appointment to replace retiring Judge Maria Felix.

I had the pleasure of working directly with Kendrick on the Pima County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board for several years. During our time on this board together, his tremendous abilities and work ethic were quite clear in the contributions he made to the team. In addition to his keen ability to think independently, he clearly understood the gravity of the work we were doing and the important role of our multi-faceted legal system in the lives of many people in our community.

The University of Arizona-Southwest Institute for Research on Women's (UA-SIROW) mission is to improve the lives of women and girls – particularly those living in the Southwest – through interdisciplinary and inter-institutional research and action projects. Our projects include a broad spectrum of themes and issues from health and wellness to education, employment, women's history and the arts. It is our belief that by challenging the status quo, facilitating the voices of those who experience disparity, working with diverse groups of women, men and transgender individuals, and seeking innovative methods to improve conditions and contexts, positive changes can be made at an individual, social and structural level. As the Associate Director of UA-SIROW, I have worked in the field of research and services for substance abuse prevention and treatment, HIV prevention, health promotion and domestic violence for the past 16 years. For many of our program participants who have experienced intimate partner violence, a justice of the peace with a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic and lethality risk indicators for victims of domestic violence may positively change the trajectory of their lives. A justice of the peace with Kendrick's character, commitment to equity, clear and respectful communication style and humble disposition would be a welcome addition to our current local criminal justice system.

With his abilities, adaptability, and dedication there is no doubt Kendrick will make a great Justice of the Peace, if selected. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at claudiap@email.arizona.edu.

Sincerely,

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