

MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 1

This document analyzes the race for Maricopa Board of Supervisors in District 1. Republican incumbent Jack Sellers won his seat in 2020 by just 403 votes over a Democratic opponent, and faces a primary challenge from Chandler City Councilor Mark Stewart in 2024. The winner will face longtime Democratic Tempe City Councilor Joel Navarro in the general election. The board oversees regional issues related to land use, the judicial system, and public health. During his term, Sellers has been an outspoken advocate on behalf of the legitimacy of elections and voting in Maricopa, putting him at odds with many leading Republicans in Arizona.

Primary Election Day [occurs](#) on July 30, 2024, with early voting running from July 3 to July 26.

Key findings:

Republican incumbent Jack Sellers narrowly won his seat over a Democratic challenger in 2020 and has been a leading and outspoken advocate for the legitimacy of elections in Maricopa County. Sellers served as a two-term Chandler City Council member and was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey to the state's Transportation Board. In 2019, Sellers was appointed to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to replace a supervisor who resigned to take another job, winning a four-year term in 2020 by just 403 votes out of more than 470,000 cast. Sellers, who voted for Donald Trump, has been outspoken in his defense of election legitimacy in Maricopa County, a position that has put him at odds with many leading Republicans in Arizona. "If that means I get beat, then I still got beat for doing the right thing," he said in 2021. Sellers has also frequently discussed the myriad threats against the Board and election officials in the county. Sellers has said some leading Arizona Republicans "do not care what the facts are." In the aftermath of the 2020 election, Rudy Giuliani left a phone message, never returned, for Sellers, during which he stated in part, "we're all Republicans, I think we have the same goal." A 2021 Arizona Republic article described him as a "soft-spoken man who wears a suit jacket and pocket square to greet visitors at his office, even in a pandemic." That same year, the paper recognized Sellers and five others as Arizonans of the Year "for their integrity under fire." "My job isn't about a person," he said in 2022. "It's about representing Maricopa County. It's representing all voters." In January 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously elected Sellers as chairman. He has identified elections, infrastructure, housing, workforce development, and budget transparency as areas of top focus. In March 2024, with Sellers' support, the county implemented new security measures at public meetings. "Board members and county leadership take the safety of all staff and guests extremely seriously," Sellers said, calling disruptive incidents "unacceptable."

Since the 2020 election, Sellers has been in frequent public and legal fights with election deniers in Arizona. In the aftermath of the 2020 election and widespread specious claims of election fraud by Donald Trump, Sellers supported a full forensic audit of elections in Maricopa County. "I have full faith in our team and the integrity of our elections," Sellers said at the time, hopeful that an audit would quiet critics; it did not. "It is our belief that these audits will back up the faith of the vast majority of Maricopa County residents and prove our machines were not vulnerable to hacking or switching," Sellers wrote with Stephen Richer in a joint op-ed. Sellers soon found himself at odds with Arizona's Republican-controlled Senate, which in early 2021 called for the Board of Supervisors to be held in contempt and arrested for refusing to comply with wide-ranging subpoenas for election equipment and materials. When the contempt vote failed, Sellers castigated Senate President Karen Fann. Sellers was an outspoken critic of the Cyber Ninjas audit in Arizona. "I want to be clear that the audit is not a joint effort between the County and the Senate Republican Caucus," Sellers wrote. "Everything they're doing is just so unprofessional." "I know you all have grown weary of lies and half-truths six months after the

2020 general election,” he said in 2021. “I will not be responding to any more requests from this sham process...The people hired by the Senate are in way over their heads. This is not funny; this is dangerous.” Sellers called the state Senate’s audit “grift disguised as an audit.” “The county’s two independent audits have already shown there was no foul play in the 2020 general election,” Sellers said. “People’s ballots and money are not make-believe...it’s time to be done with this craziness, and get on with this county’s critical business.” “Senate leadership should be ashamed they broadcast the half-baked theories of the ‘Deep Rig’ crowd to the world,” Sellers said in the summer of 2021. “If you haven’t figured out that the election in Maricopa County was free, fair, and accurate yet, I’m not sure you ever will.” “My highest priority in 2024 is to provide our county elections team with the resources and support they need to continue administering lawful, free, and fair elections,” Sellers said in 2024. “The eyes of the free world will once again be on Maricopa County.”

Republican primary challenger Mark Stewart is an avowed conservative who has supported allegations of election malfeasance in Maricopa County. Stewart has served on the Chandler City Council since 2016. A native Midwesterner, Stewart has lived approximately 25 years in Maricopa County, running a consulting company that specializes in marketing and branding for businesses. Stewart has positioned himself as a fiscal conservative during his years on the council. In 2019, Stewart applied for an open position as a Maricopa Supervisor; he was not selected. According to a 2020 article in the Arizona Republic, Stewart “has positioned himself as a fiscal conservative during his time on the council...he said he will ensure the city is on solid financial footing to overcome any downturn associated with the COVID-19 health crisis so that there are no layoffs or service interruptions at the city.” In 2024, Stewart joined the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office Business Advisory Council, a group made up of business leaders throughout Maricopa County which meets to provide business industry expertise and insight to the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office. “My core belief is that the most effective government operates minimally yet efficiently,” he has said. “It’s always good to have change,” Stewart said about his candidacy in 2024. “The community doesn’t trust the Board of Supervisors...For whatever reason, the Board of Supervisors wasn’t able to deliver the trust that I think people are looking for, not only in Maricopa County, but in Arizona. For countries all over the world, we’re a laughingstock and it’s been happening since 2018.” Stewart contends that the supervisors have had ample opportunity to shore up confidence in election results and haven’t. When asked directly if he would have voted to certify election results in 2020 and 2022, he declined to answer. “I wasn’t in the room,” he has said. “I don’t know what they know.” Stewart has declined to say whether he believes Joe Biden and Katie Hobbs won their respective elections. “The point is, there’s enough people who have concerns.”

CANDIDATES

- Jack Sellers** – Republican Party
- Mark Stewart** - Republican Party
- Joel Navarro** – Democratic Party

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Candidate	Total Raised	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Jack Sellers	\$150,150	\$17,610.72	\$154,408.65
Mark Stewart	\$43,940.92	\$9,272.99	\$34,667.93
Joel Navarro	\$37,228.99	\$10,486.87	\$26,802.12

[Arizona Campaign Finance, Accessed April 2024]

JACK SELLERS

Background & Philosophy

Sellers a retired facilities manager for General Motors Desert Proving Ground. “Sellers, a Republican, was first appointed to the board in 2019 after former Supervisor Denny Barney resigned to take over as the full-time East Valley Partnership CEO and president. He later was elected to a full term in 2020. Before joining the board, Sellers served two terms on the Chandler City Council. He has lived in the county for more than 30 years and is a retired facilities manager for the General Motors Desert Proving Ground. He represents District 1, which spans much of the southeast Valley, including portions of Chandler, Tempe, Mesa, Gilbert, Queen Creek and Phoenix's Ahwatukee neighborhood.” [Arizona Republic, 2/13/23]

Sellers a two-term Chandler City Council member whom Governor Doug Ducey reappointed to term on State Transportation Board. [East Valley Tribune, 1/28/19]

2019: Appointed to Board of Supervisors to replace supervisor who resigned. “Former Chandler City Council member Jack Sellers was appointed to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to replace a supervisor who resigned to take another job. Sellers was unanimously selected Wednesday to fill the seat held by supervisor Denny Barney. Barney stepped down from his post on the board to become full-time CEO and president of the East Valley Partnership. The district Sellers will represent includes Chandler, Gilbert, part of Mesa, Queen Creek, Tempe and the Ahwatukee area of Phoenix. In all, 13 people applied for the job.” [AP, 2/13/19]

2019: “The next several years are going to be crucial for us to put together a plan for transportation infrastructure for this region.” “In an interview after his appointment, Sellers said the county ‘is really an ideal place for me. The next several years are going to be crucial for us to put together a plan for transportation infrastructure for this region,’ he said. ‘When I realized this vacancy was going to happen, I thought what better place could there be for me than here to work on that.’” [Arizona Republic, 2/14/19]

2020: Sellers narrowly defeated Hodge in D1 Supervisor race. “Republican incumbent Jack Sellers has won the race in the Southeast Valley's District 1, ending Democrats' hope of gaining the seat on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Sellers narrowly defeated Democratic challenger Jevin Hodge by 403 votes out of more than 470,000 cast in the race. It was one of Maricopa County's closest legislative or county races and offered Democrats hope that their message resonated with voters despite mixed results in county and state races. After the last votes were counted on Friday, Hodge wrote on Facebook that he called Sellers to congratulate him and offer support. ‘Supervisor Sellers ran a great campaign,’ Hodge said in a statement accompanying his post. ‘His history of leadership to Arizona will forever be an example for me.’ Hodge said that despite its being such a close race, he did not plan to contest the results.” [Arizona Republic, 11/18/20]

2021: Sellers elected Chairman of Board of Supervisors. “‘Over the last year, I have watched as our whole nation has been shaken to its core,’ said Sellers. ‘The faster we as a County, a State and a Nation can beat this virus, the faster we can secure a brighter future for all Americans.’ Chairman Sellers says the first step is ending the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring residents have accurate information about the spread of the virus and timely access to vaccines. ‘My office will look to expand our efforts to educate on facts, especially when it comes to the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. The critics

are loud; we will be louder,' Sellers stated. 'We will continue to lead based on science and common sense.'" [US Fed News, 1/6/21]

2021: Sellers discussed myriad threats made against Board. "Supervisors Chairman Jack Sellers said Thursday that the brief is one of many threats he and the supervisors have received recently, starting with implementation of a countywide mask mandate as COVID-19 surged in June and then with the election. Sellers said maybe he should take the threats more seriously than he does, but he is more focused on moving the county forward. 'I can't have all my focus on crazy people,' he said. 'I need to be focused on moving us forward.'" [Arizona Republic, 1/9/21]

2021: Sellers on prospect of losing over ideological stances: "If that means I get beat, then I still got beat for doing the right thing." "Republican Supervisor Jack Sellers, the board's chair, said at the news briefing the county would stop responding to future requests 'from this sham process.' He told state senators to finish the review and be prepared to defend it in court. 'If that means I get beat, then I still got beat for doing the right thing,' Sellers, a former GOP precinct committeeman, state committeeman, and Chandler City Council member, later told The Republic. Sellers represents a sprawling purple district in the East Valley and eked out a win in 2020 by just 403 votes out of more than 470,000 cast. His district's profile, divided evenly between Republicans, Democrats and independent voters, forces political positioning that is pragmatic and bipartisan. 'You really need to be successful somewhere in the middle if you're going to be successful in that district right now,' he said. At this point, success is defined by protecting public trust in the institution, not winning re-election, he said. Sellers recalled a private meeting with other county elected officials that took place ahead of that now-iconic news conference. The emergency gathering took place after county officials got a letter from Fann that demanded a meeting to address "serious issues" with their failure to respond to the Senate's initial subpoenas, and other issues. They would fight back together: 'They all said, the integrity of Maricopa County was at stake here, and we're gonna be united,' he said." [Arizona Republic, 5/25/21]

Sellers voted for Donald Trump. [Arizona Republic, 10/8/21]

Sellers: "I sit before you today as a Republican who was voted into office in November of 2020." "The election of November 3rd, 2020, in Maricopa County was free, fair and accurate,' said Jack Sellers, chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. 'Maricopa County is the second-largest voting district in the United States of America. I sit before you today as a Republican who was voted into office in November of 2020.' Mr. Sellers was elected to a four-year term." [The Independent, 10/8/21]

Sellers said some of Arizona's Republican leaders "do not care what the facts are." "Arizona officials on Thursday testified before Congress that they were not surprised that a Republican-led audit of a key county's 2020 election results failed to find evidence of fraud or that it has fueled conspiracy theories that have undermined the public's faith in democracy. Jack Sellers, the Republican chair of Maricopa County's Board of Supervisors, told the House Oversight and Reform Committee it was clear that some of the state's Republican leaders 'do not care what the facts are.' 'They just want to gain political power and gain money by fostering mistrust of the greatest power an individual can exercise in the United States -- their vote,' he said." [Los Angeles Times, 10/8/21]

2021: "People in the Republican Party today are attacking things that they shouldn't be...maybe they're not focused enough on the old principles of the party." "Jack Sellers, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and an ally of Richer in defending the validity of the 2020 election, said he's not concerned about the county recorder's role with the new PAC. He said he's confident that Richer will

keep his election advocacy and personal opinions separate from his role as the county's top elections official. 'Being the recorder, I think that he's certainly experienced firsthand that people in the Republican Party today are attacking things that they shouldn't be, that maybe they're not focused enough on the old principles of the party. I like what he's doing,' Sellers said." [Arizona Mirror, 11/18/21]

Giuliani to Sellers in phone message: "I'd like to see if there's a way that we can resolve this so that it comes out well for everyone...We're all Republicans, I think we have the same goal...Let's see if we can get this done outside of the court, gosh." "That same day, Giuliani reached out to two of Hickman's Republican colleagues on the board: Bill Gates and Jack Sellers. 'I'm hoping we could have a chance to have a conversation,' a transcription of Giuliani's message to Sellers said. 'I'd like to see if there's a way that we can resolve this so that it comes out well for everyone. We're all Republicans, I think we have the same goal...Let's see if we can get this done outside of the court, gosh.' Sellers did not return the call." [Arizona Republic, 11/29/21]

Sellers a lifelong Republican with a background in municipal government and an interest in transportation. "Jack Sellers had replaced Hickman as the chairman of the supervisors in January as part of the county's periodic rotation in leadership. Sellers, like Fann, is a lifelong Republican with a background in municipal government and an interest in transportation. He served on the state transportation board for years. Fann owned a transportation-related company, and her family did, too." [Arizona Republic, 11/30/21]

- **Arizona Republic: "At 78, he is a soft-spoken man who wears a suit jacket and pocket square to greet visitors at his office, even in a pandemic."** "Sellers symbolizes a more civil era in politics. At 78, he is a soft-spoken man who wears a suit jacket and pocket square to greet visitors at his office, even in a pandemic. During his two terms on the Chandler City Council, Sellers learned to watch debates unfold before revealing his own views, in part to leave room for his own mind to change as needed. Sellers hoped his friendship with Fann and his genteel demeanor could help bring the county's relations with the Senate to a more collaborative point. They talked frequently, and he usually left those meetings feeling optimistic. Like Hickman, Sellers said the county would work cooperatively on an audit with the Senate if she hired a 'qualified company.' Fann maintained to him the ballot review was about improving election procedures, not about overturning the election results. But at the same time, Sellers saw social media posts from other Republicans showing they had not given up on changing the results. As Sellers discussed the subpoena with Fann, the county moved ahead on its own with a pair of independent audits intended to dispel doubts about its election operations. By early February, county officials hired the only two firms in the nation accredited by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission to certify voting systems." [Arizona Republic, 11/30/21]

2021: Arizona Capitol Times: "Sellers said the goal of the board is 'to be one county...'" "At Galvin's swearing in ceremony, Sellers said the goal of the board is 'to be one county' an aspiration challenged by the divisiveness surrounding the last election and the Chucuri recordings. The supervisors appear to have found a like-minded colleague in Galvin." [Arizona Capitol Times, 12/8/21]

Arizona Republic recognized Sellers and five others as Arizonans of the Year "for their integrity under fire..." "But most notable because of the pressure they faced from their own voters and party, were Maricopa County Supervisors Clint Hickman, Jack Sellers and Bill Gates; Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer; Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers; and state Sen. Paul Boyer. For the three supervisors, that included legal threats from the state Senate controlled by their fellow

conservatives. The Arizona Republic recognizes these six as the 2021 Arizonans of the Year for their integrity under fire, their backbone to stand against the high-pressure tactics of a president of the United States and for their unwillingness to yield to high authority in the state Legislature that had so obviously lost its bearings. Unlike the Democrats, they paid a political price for their defiance.” [Arizona Republic, 12/30/21]

Sellers: “My job isn’t about a person. It’s about representing Maricopa County. It’s representing all voters.” “Sellers recalled one instance where he said Adel's absence made an impression. It was during the election review, when the Senate was threatening the supervisors. Sellers said he asked every elected county official to stand up in a show of unity. Sellers said every elected official - supervisors, the assessor, the schools superintendent, the recorder - joined in the effort. ‘I wanted us to be one county,’ Sellers said, adding Adel was a no-show. ‘Only one was missing.’ A staff lawyer later explained that legal considerations prevented Adel from attending, Sellers said. ‘She, like us, is an elected official. I don't tell her how to do her job,’ he said. ‘My job isn't about a person. It's about representing Maricopa County. It's representing all voters.’” [Arizona Republic, 2/4/22]

2023: Sellers chosen as vice chair of Board of Supervisors. “The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors unanimously elected Supervisor Clint Hickman as its new chair for the next year. Hickman took the helm in a meeting this morning, switching chairs with Supervisor Bill Gates. Hickman named Supervisor Jack Sellers as vice chair. Hickman plans to address homelessness, water, the fentanyl crisis and, not surprisingly, elections during his time as chair.” [Yellow Sheet Report, 1/11/23]

2023: Sellers referenced important issues like Prop 400, homelessness, water, and elections. “As required by law, the Board selected Willoughby from a list of three candidates submitted by the Legislative District 13 Precinct Committeemen (PC). The candidates had to live in the district and be a member of the same party as the person who vacated the office. In this case, a Republican. ‘I would like to thank the PC’s from District 13 for selecting three qualified candidates for our consideration,’ said Vice Chairman Jack Sellers. ‘I interviewed all of them about important issues such as Prop 400, homelessness, water, and elections. We take this duty seriously and follow a process that includes background checks and interviews so residents can be confident in the person chosen to fill the vacant seat.’” [Yellow Sheet Report, 5/5/23]

2024: Sellers unanimously elected chairman of Board of Supervisors; identified elections, infrastructure, housing, workforce development, and budget transparency as top focus. “Jack Sellers has been unanimously elected as the new Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. In his "Passing of the Gavel" address, Sellers identified elections, infrastructure, housing, workforce development, and budget transparency as his top focus areas for the year ahead.” [Indian eGov Newswire, 1/3/24]

2024: Sellers: “Rising inflation has made it difficult for families in Maricopa County to afford basic necessities like groceries, housing, and gas.” “Jack Sellers, who serves as chairman of the board and represents District 1, explained why this funding is necessary to the county. ‘Rising inflation has made it difficult for families in Maricopa County to afford basic necessities like groceries, housing and gas,’ Sellers said. ‘While there is still work to be done to curb rising costs, this continued collaboration with the Arizona Food Bank Network is a meaningful way to put food on the table for households that are struggling to make ends meet.’” [Arizona Republic, 1/30/24]

2024: Sellers: Law enforcement shouldn’t be a partisan position. “Supervisor Jack Sellers, the Republican chair of the board, said law enforcement shouldn't be a partisan political position. ‘We as a

group really discounted that (former party affiliation) and went to find who is absolutely the best candidate to run the county sheriff's office during what could be a very contentious year,' Sellers said. 'We're gonna be running three elections this year. We need someone who has the respect of the people in the county sheriff's office and also the respect of the other law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County. Deputy Chief Skinner meets that qualification.'" [Phoenix New Times, 2/8/24]

March 2024: County implemented new security measures at public meetings. "Maricopa County supervisors will implement new security measures at public meetings amid a wave of unfounded voting conspiracies, threats and confrontations between county staff and public speakers. The new procedures come after a group of people approached the dais and refused to leave the Board of Supervisors' chamber following a public meeting last month. The incident came once the meeting was adjourned and the county's meeting livestream had ended, but a portion of the episode was recorded by cameras in the chamber. That video shows about 15 individuals repeatedly ignored requests from security staff to get out of the building. Several people accused county staff of 'tyranny' and 'treason.' The group ultimately left the room after nearly 10 minutes. County officials said a staff member was shoved and fell before the video recording began. They now believe enhanced security is needed to stem 'disruptive and disorderly behavior' during board meetings. 'Board members and county leadership take the safety of all staff and guests extremely seriously,' said Chairman Jack Sellers, calling the incident 'unacceptable.'" [Arizona Republic, 3/14/24]

On The Issues

Criminal Justice

2022: Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Rachel Mitchell as interim county attorney. "The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Rachel Mitchell as the interim county attorney on Wednesday. Mitchell was one of three candidates vying for the interim position, which state law mandates be filled by the same party as former County Attorney Allister Adel. Mitchell, Anni Foster and Gina Godbehere will face off in an August primary for the Republican nomination. The winner will face Democrat Julie Gunnigle in the fall, who is running unopposed in the primary, to determine who will serve out the remainder of Adel's term, which ends on Jan. 1, 2025. Supervisor Clint Hickman said he was impressed with all three candidates, but he added Mitchell was the best choice to take on the challenges of the office at the moment. Supervisor Steve Gallardo said Mitchell was the best candidate to bring stability to the office... 'It was really a difficult decision,' Supervisor Jack Sellers said. He remarked he was 'pleasantly surprised that we had three candidates of a very high caliber apply.' Sellers said leading the County Attorney's Office would be a 'really tough position to step into.'" [Arizona Republic, 4/23/22]

2024: Sellers announced formation of committee to examine long-term funding sources for criminal justice reform and public safety. "In a state of the county address, Sellers announced the formation of a Public Safety Funding Citizens Committee to look at long-term funding sources for criminal justice reform and public safety. Jail facilities and programs are funded by the one-fifth cent jail excise sales tax established in 1998. The tax was renewed by voters for 20 years in 2007 and Sellers said the committee will provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors later this year. However, any proposal must be approved by the legislature before it is referred to voters. 'That's what smart, flexible, transparent government looks like,' Sellers said. 'But unfortunately, Maricopa County must get approval from the state Legislature before we can refer this to our voters. We are the only county in the state that has to take this extra step.'" [Arizona Capitol Times, 1/3/24]

Development & Taxes

2021: Sellers pointed to Intel’s \$20 billion expansion in Chandler as a great example of “smart growth.” “Jack Sellers, District 1 representative of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, pointed to Intel's \$20 billion expansion in Chandler as a great example of ‘smart growth.’ ‘Intel is phenomenal at how well they reuse water,’ Sellers said. ‘I believe they're at 95 percent recycling and the goal is 100 percent.’” [East Valley Tribune, 9/22/21]

Sellers: “I just really try to stay in tune with the infrastructure that impacts our economic viability.” “Jack Sellers, chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, said the extension of Proposition 400 would help supply the infrastructure needed to unlock the full potential of Gateway in the next decade. Proposition 400, a 1/2 cent sale tax, expires in 2025 and discussions are underway to create the best new funding source possible, with fuel sales dropping from the advent of electric and hybrid cars, he said. Maricopa County is committed to doing everything possible to assist in the airport's evolution, Sellers said, as outdated county roads get replaced by much larger roads needed for growth. ‘I just really try to stay in tune with the infrastructure that impacts our economic viability,’ he said. ‘State Route 24 is already being built. That's going to make a significant difference.’” [East Valley Tribune, 1/19/21]

2023: Sellers championed \$10.8 million investment to develop new housing in Tempe. “Government of Maricopa County issued the following news release: In its ongoing effort to address housing affordability challenges in the region, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has approved a \$10.8 million investment to develop new housing in the City of Tempe. The project is a collaborative effort between Maricopa County and Tempe to acquire land in North Tempe for a modern, mixed-use multi-family rental community. Board of Supervisors Chairman Clint Hickman, representing District 4, highlighted the impact of this investment, stating, ‘This decision reflects a commitment that goes beyond bricks and mortar; it's about creating a foundation for people to thrive. This funding is a catalyst for creating a vibrant neighborhood where our residents can participate in our local economy.’ This project, made possible through Maricopa County's share of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars, is a reflection of the work done by Vice Chairman Jack Sellers to champion this project alongside Tempe Mayor Corey Woods. ‘The collaboration between county and city government in the pursuit of affordable housing is a powerful alliance. It combines the strengths of both entities, allowing for a more comprehensive and effective approach,’ said Jack Sellers, Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman, representing District 1. ‘Together with Tempe Mayor Corey Woods, our shared efforts will create a community asset that will provide housing solutions in the near term and lay the groundwork for a prosperous future for all who will call this development home.’” [Contify Investment News, 12/7/23]

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2024: Supervisors unanimously allocated \$2 million for affordable senior housing; Sellers: “Rising housing costs have disproportionately impacted seniors...” “On Jan. 10, The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors unanimously decided to allocate \$2 million toward the development of an affordable housing community for senior residents in Goodyear. The new community, Suncrest Vista,

will be located south of the southeast corner of Loop 303 and Van Buren Street near multiple grocery and retail stores. The property is projected to open in the fall of 2025 to residents 55 and older. The Board of Supervisors Chairman for District 1, Jack Sellers, stated that seniors are more at risk of slipping into homelessness. ‘Rising housing costs have disproportionately impacted seniors living in Maricopa County, the fastest-growing segment of our population slipping into homelessness,’ Sellers said.” [Arizona Republic, 1/12/24]

2024: Sellers selected as recipient of award acknowledging dedication to global advancement of women in transportation. “Chairman Jack Sellers has been selected as the recipient of the 2024 WTS Honorable Ray LaHood or ‘Man of the Year’ Award, acknowledging his dedication to the global advancement of women in transportation. ‘I am very honored to have even been considered for this award,’ said Chairman Sellers, who represents District 1. ‘I have made infrastructure and transportation a cornerstone of my career and this work has led me to engage with countless inspirational women who are some of the best and brightest in the transportation field.’ Chairman Sellers has long advocated for intelligent infrastructure and smart-city and technology-forward policies that have contributed to Arizona’s vibrant economy. He has served as Chair of the State Transportation Board, is a member of the National Association of Counties Transportation Committee, and is a member and past Chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee.” [Yellow Sheet Report, 4/1/24]

Elections

2021: Sellers supported full forensic audit of elections: “I have full faith in our team and the integrity of our elections.” “The next step, according to Chairman Sellers, is restoring trust in elections to the average voter. ‘The Board of Supervisors welcomes good-faith efforts to make our elections the best they can be. That is why my colleagues and I support a full forensic audit of our election tabulation equipment once all litigation related to the 2020 General Election is over,’ Sellers said. ‘I have full faith in our team and the integrity of our elections.’ He noted that previous audits and hand counts have shown the 2020 elections were safe, secure, and accurate.” [US Fed News, 1/6/21]

2021: Sellers: “We came in good faith...to work with the Senate and move forward with an independent audit...We were ready to have serious discussions, we did not see the same from the Senate...” “The new subpoenas ordered the Board of Supervisors and county treasurer and recorder to appear at the Senate at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Board Chairman Jack Sellers said he appeared as ordered, but ‘it was clear upon our arrival that those who had issued the subpoenas had no intention of meeting with us today.’ ‘We came in good faith, as we have in the past, to work with the Senate and move forward with an independent audit of the County’s election machines and processes,’ Sellers said in a statement. ‘We were ready to have serious discussions, we did not see the same from the Senate.’” [AP, 1/13/21]

January 2021: Board of Supervisors planned to hire two firms to audit election equipment; Sellers: “While I am confident in our staff and our equipment, not all of our residents are.” “The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors plans to vote to hire two firms to audit election equipment and software used in the November election that has been the focus of unsubstantiated claims of fraud from Republicans who question President Joe Biden's victory in Arizona. Board Chairman Jack Sellers defended the accuracy of the vote count in the state's most populous county but said Tuesday the board wants to do the audit to try to show doubters that the election was free and fair. ‘While I am confident in our staff and our equipment, not all our residents are,’ Sellers said in a statement. ‘This is a problem.’ Sellers said some people may never be satisfied, but it is better to err on the side of transparency to show the public that the election results were untainted. The board plans to vote to conduct the audit at its

Wednesday meeting. The five-member board dominated by Republicans has previously said it wanted to do a full forensic audit once lawsuits filed by backers of former President Donald Trump concluded. Federal and state courts in Arizona rejected eight lawsuits challenging the election results. The GOP-controlled state Senate is seeking to do its own audit and issued subpoenas to the county in mid-December seeking access to copies of ballots, software used in vote tabulation machines and the machines themselves, among other items. The board fought that request in court, saying the Senate sought private voter information and access to ballots and secure voting machines but is currently negotiating with attorneys for the Senate to try to resolve the impasse. A spokesman for Senate Republicans didn't immediately respond to a request for comment about the board's plan." [AP, 1/26/21]

2021: Sellers: “The best we can do, in my opinion, is to err on the side of transparency, to embrace the opportunity to once again show our work, and to put facts in their proper place at the center of public discourse instead of the periphery.” “Supervisor Jack Sellers, the board's chairman, noted that a post-election hand count of nearly 9,200 ballots showed a perfect match with the machine count, a logic-and-accuracy test showed no problems with the machines, and that several lawsuits alleging irregularities or misconduct in the way Maricopa County conducted the election fell flat in court. But a large number of voters want further assurances, 'especially given all the misinformation that spread following the November 3 General Election.' 'While I am confident in our staff and our equipment, not all our residents are. This is a problem. A democracy cannot survive if enough of its people doubt elections are free and fair. Some will never be satisfied, but this vote is not about them,' Sellers said in a press statement on Tuesday. 'The best we can do, in my opinion, is to err on the side of transparency, to embrace the opportunity to once again show our work, and to put facts in their proper place at the center of public discourse instead of the periphery.’” [Arizona Mirror, 1/26/21]

2021: Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to hire two independent companies to conduct audit; Sellers: “Maricopa County elections were administered with integrity throughout 2020...Multiple audits to date have proved as much, and multiple court rulings have concurred...” “The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at a meeting Wednesday to hire two independent companies to conduct an audit that will probe whether voting machines counted votes correctly, and whether they were tampered with or hacked in any way. The Republican-dominated board defended the accuracy of the county's election results while expressing hope that a comprehensive equipment and software audit would dispel concerns that the results were inaccurate. 'Maricopa County elections were administered with integrity throughout 2020. That's a fact. Multiple audits to date have proved as much, and multiple court rulings have concurred,' Chairman Jack Sellers said in a statement. 'It's also true that a significant number of voters want the additional assurance that a full forensic audit of tabulation equipment might bring, especially given all the misinformation that spread following the November 3 election.’” [The Geller Report, 1/28/21]

- **“I really want to alleviate their concerns and their issues with whatever it is we are doing and convince them that this was in fact truly an honest election with good integrity.”**
[Arizona Republic, 1/28/21]

Sellers and Stephen Richer wrote column: “It is our belief that these audits will back up the faith of the vast majority of Maricopa County residents and prove our machines were not vulnerable to hacking or switching...” “Some might argue another audit is a waste of money; we believe it is a small price to pay at such a critical time for our democracy. Truth deserves to be amplified. Because we want to be fully transparent, representatives from the governor's office, the secretary of state's office, the attorney general and Arizona House and Senate leadership will be invited to observe. We will also provide availability for media members as well, so they can fulfill their role informing the public. It is

our belief that these audits will back up the faith of the vast majority of Maricopa County residents and prove our machines were not vulnerable to hacking or vote switching. However, we are always looking for ways to improve. If the audit identifies any issues, we will address them swiftly and as a team.” [Arizona Republic, 1/31/21]

February 2021: Sellers frustrated after Arizona Republican Senators called for Board of Supervisors to be held in contempt. “All 16 Republicans in the Arizona Senate co-sponsored a resolution calling for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to be held in contempt and arrested for refusing to comply with wide-ranging subpoenas for election equipment and materials. Senate Resolution 1005[1] directs Senate President Karen Fann to 'take all legal action pursuant to section 41-1153' of state law, which says that any 'witness neglecting or refusing to attend in obedience to a subpoena may be arrested by the sergeant-at-arms and brought before the senate or house.' Senate rules, which can only be waived with a two-thirds vote of the chamber, require a resolution to be read three times on separate days before a final vote... Supervisor Jack Sellers, the chairman of the Board of Supervisors, said it was 'frustrating that the Senate would even consider' finding the board in contempt. He said state law bars the release of the ballots, and if the Senate wants them, it should convince a judge to allow access. 'If they truly believe in the legality of their position, they will join us in seeking a solution through the courts,' Sellers, a Republican, said in a press statement on Tuesday, after Petersen raised the possibility of finding the supervisors in contempt, including arresting them and charging them with misdemeanor offenses.” [Arizona Mirror, 2/4/21]

February 2021: Audit found no problems with Arizona election equipment. “Two independent audits of election equipment in Arizona's most populous county found no modified software, malicious software or incorrect counting equipment, and none of the computers or equipment were connected to the internet... Jack Sellers, the Republican board chair, said the audits done by the only two firms certified by federal elections officials confirmed November's election was free, fair and accurate. ‘No hacking or vote switching occurred in the 2020 election,’ Sellers said in a statement.” [AP, 2/24/21]

Sellers castigated Senate President Karen Fann for failed contempt vote. “Senate President Karen Fann, R-Prescott, detailed for colleagues her own attempts to resolve the issue with the supervisors. In fact, Fann said she originally had planned a contempt vote for two and a half weeks ago but held off in hopes it wouldn't come to that. Yet every effort to get a resolution, she said, was met with objections from the board. ‘So, I'm sorry to say, this is why we're at where we're at right now,’ Fann said. Sellers has the full support of the board's other three Republican members and the lone Democrat. In a Facebook post Feb. 5, Sellers castigated Fann, stating she ‘continues to run from the fact that she has hired a debunked conspiracy theorist utilized by Rudy Giuliani to conduct a Senate 'audit' suspiciously as an impeachment trial is set to begin in the U.S. Senate.’” [Glendale Star, 2/25/21]

April 2021: “I believe the 2020 elections were run with integrity.” “Supervisors Chairman Jack Sellers, a Republican, didn't sound all that enthusiastic. ‘I believe the 2020 elections were run with integrity,’ he said, in a statement issued Wednesday. ‘Maricopa County conducted two extensive and independent audits of the 2020 General Election in February. They showed no evidence of equipment malfunction or foul play. These findings, in addition to the hand count audit completed by the political parties and accuracy tests before and after the election, affirm no hacking or vote switching occurred in the 2020 election.’” [Arizona Republic, 4/3/21]

Sellers took veiled swipe at Fann's audit. “Sellers took a veiled swipe at Fann's audit. ‘The process of selecting the vendors, which were both properly certified to perform their examinations, was open,’ he noted, highlighting an unspoken contrast between the board and the Senate. While the county has

repeatedly made clear that it has no plans to let the Senate recount ballots in its facilities, Fann over the weekend said the reason the county board of supervisors isn't fully cooperating with her so-called audit by a Stop the Steal advocate could be because they're scared her ninjas might actually find something. 'I'm beginning to wonder if they're not as confident in their [election] system as they say they are,' Fann told Capitol Media Services." [Yellow Sheet Report, 4/5/21]

- **Sellers: "To avoid any confusion, I want to be clear that the audit is not a joint effort between the County and the Senate Republican Caucus."** "After Fann shared questions from Cyber Ninjas with county supervisors, chairman Jack Sellers replied on Monday that the county cannot support the Senate's audit, in part because state laws don't give the county the authority to conduct a full recount. 'To avoid any confusion, I want to be clear that the audit is not a joint effort between the County and the Senate Republican Caucus,' Sellers wrote. 'Maricopa County will not communicate with your vendors or interpret Arizona law for them.'" [Arizona Capitol Times, 4/6/21]
- **Senate President Fann said Republicans faced "sabotage by" Board of Supervisors.** "Fann said the state's Republicans have faced 'sabotage' by Maricopa County's Board of Supervisors and that the process has been hindered. 'The Maricopa BOS has refused to allow us to perform the audit at their facilities,' Fann said, 'and has gone so far as to refusing to even answer simple questions such as 'how are the ballots sequestered?' 'It's taken the Senate two and a half months to win in court to uphold our right to issue subpoenas for election materials and another 6 weeks of researching to select the audit team to perform the full forensic audit.'" [Epoch Times, 4/19/21]

Sellers: "I'm certainly frustrated right now...when this all started, I didn't really object that much because...if we could do something...to make...people that are still questioning the results of the election...feel better...I was willing to do that..." "No, I'm certainly frustrated right now. When this all started, I didn't really object that much, because anything, you know, whatever the number of people that are still questioning the results of the election, if we could do something, that would make them feel better about it, I was willing to do that. But as this has developed, and the people that have been involved in the audit have been announced, certainly, it doesn't seem like we're on the path to make that happen." [CNN Cuomo Primetime, 4/27/21]

Sellers on Cyber Ninjas: "Everything they're doing is just so unprofessional..." "JACK SELLERS, CHAIRMAN, MARICOPA CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Everything they're doing is just so unprofessional, that it's really bothersome. I don't really feel that it benefits me I need to get into the weeds too far on all the craziness that I see going on. LAH (voice-over): Sellers knows the difference. He leads a Republican Majority Board of Supervisors, they already conducted two audits with bipartisan observers in public view that found no evidence of widespread election fraud. The Board of Supervisors fought the State Senate in court to keep the ballots but lost and turned over the ballots. SELLERS: When you accept responsibility for an election, it can't be about a party. It can't be about a person. It has to be about representing all the voters." [CNN Anderson Cooper 360 Degrees, 4/29/21]

Sellers said after county certified 2020 election results, backlash from local Republicans was so intense that police officers were posted at supervisors' home for protection. "Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Sellers said that after the five-member board voted in November to certify election results that showed Biden winning the growing and diversifying county by more than two points, the backlash from local Republicans was so intense that police officers were posted at supervisors' homes for their protection. Now, Sellers said, he worries about the divisiveness, not just in

the country but in his own party-- especially in a place like Maricopa, where Republicans already have been losing ground. 'In Maricopa County, only a third of the voters are Republican,' Sellers said. 'A third are Democrats and a third are independents. If you don't even have a third of the voting public all together, how on earth can you expect to win over enough independents and others?'" [Down with Tyranny, 5/3/21]

Sellers expressed anger about “the allegations of corruption being thrown around...” “The county board of supervisors chairman Jack Sellers issued a statement Friday afternoon expressing his anger about 'the allegations of corruption being thrown around — sometimes by elected officials who should know better — denigrating the good names of public servants who devoted the last two years of their lives to running quality elections in 2020.’” [Talking Points Memo, 5/7/21]

May 2021: Sellers issued blistering statement calling Fann’s allegations “false and ill-informed.” “The Board of Supervisors met in private late Thursday, after which Sellers issued a blistering statement denying that any data was deleted, calling Fann's allegations 'false and ill-informed' and demanding a retraction. 'It’s clearer by the day: the people hired by the Senate are in way over their heads,' Sellers said. 'This is not funny; this is dangerous.' He did not directly respond to Fann's request for county officials to answer questions at the Senate on Tuesday, but said the county will hold its own public meeting the day before 'to refute lies and lay out facts about these issues.’” [Mail Online, 5/13/21]

Sellers rejected claims made about controversial audit of 2020 election, demanding retraction of public statements about the suspected destruction of evidence. “Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Sellers rejected claims made about the controversial audit of the 2020 election, demanding a retraction of public statements about the suspected destruction of evidence. Arizona Senate President Karen Fann, the leader of the Republican-majority Senate, wrote an open letter to the board on Wednesday evening informing them the auditors discovered three main ‘serious issues,’ claiming there was noncompliance of the legislative subpoena, chain of custody issues with the ballots, and evidence of database files being removed from the Election Management System computer. ‘After reviewing the letter with County election and IT experts, I can say the allegations are false and ill-informed,’ Sellers, who is a Republican, wrote in a statement. ‘Moreover, the claim that our employees deleted election files and destroyed evidence is outrageous, completely baseless and beneath the dignity of the Arizona Senate. I demand an immediate retraction of any public statements made to the news media and spread via Twitter,’ Sellers added. Maricopa Arizona Audit, which asserts to be the official account for the 2020 election review, accused county election officials of deleting files off a server before it was delivered, a claim to which Sellers directly responded: ‘That would be a crime – and it is not true.’” [Washington Examiner, 5/14/21]

Sellers: “I know you all have grown weary of lies and half-truths six months after the 2020 general elections...” “The board, led by Republican Chairman Jack Sellers, have been aggressively using Twitter in recent days to push back, firing off a series of messages slamming the private company doing the audit. The board plans to hold a public hearing Monday to further to refute lies and lay out facts about these issues. ‘I know you all have grown weary of lies and half-truths six months after 2020 General Elections,’ Sellers said Friday in announcing Monday's meeting.’” [Canadian Press, 5/15/21]

Sellers during fiery board meeting: “I will not be responding to any more requests from this sham process.” “The board of supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona railed against a review of the county's 2020 election results ordered by the state Senate during a fiery board meeting Monday. 'As chairman of this board, I just want to make it clear: I will not be responding to any more requests from this sham process,' board Chairman Jack Sellers (R) said at the end of the meeting[1]. 'Finish what

you're calling an audit and be ready to defend your report in a court of law. We all look forward to it.”
[Talking Points Memo, 5/17/21]

- **“The people hired by the Senate are in way over their heads. This is not funny; this is dangerous.”** [East Bay Times, 5/17/21]
- **Sellers said state Senate ran “grift disguised as an audit.”** [CNN, 5/17/21]

Board demanded end to Arizona Senate-led audit. “The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors demanded an end to the Arizona Senate-led audit of the 2020 election in the populous county that includes Phoenix, a significant new stand by the Republican-led group against the review that former President Donald Trump and his allies have cited to further claim the contest was stolen. Board members issued their defiant response after holding a meeting Monday afternoon to address questions raised by Senate President Karen Fann in a letter to Chairman Jack Sellers regarding the audit, which includes a review of the county's 2.1 million ballots and election equipment, raising "serious issues" auditors claimed to have found during their work. Among them, Fann said, was the county's failure to provide virtual copies of Wi-Fi routers and allegations that someone deleted a main database from the Election Management System. ‘These accusations are false, defamatory, and beneath the dignity of the Senate,’ the board wrote in a 13-page letter signed by all five members. ‘They are an insult to the dedicated public servants in the Maricopa County Elections Department and Office of the Recorder, who work incredibly long hours conducting the County’s elections with integrity and honor.’” [The Examiner, 5/17/21]

Sellers: “People’s ballots and money are not make-believe...it’s time to be done with this craziness, and get on with this county’s critical business.” “The senior Republican in Maricopa County, Jack Sellers, the chairman of the board of supervisors, said flatly that the county would stop cooperating with the review and suggested that it would challenge in court any of its conclusions that pointed toward improprieties. ‘This board is done explaining anything,’ Mr. Sellers said at a special meeting of the five-member board, four of whose members are Republicans. ‘People’s ballots and money are not make-believe. It’s time to be done with this craziness, and get on with this county’s critical business.’ It was an extraordinary pushback to an election review that was supposed to placate voters who insisted that Donald J. Trump’s narrow loss in the state was a result of fraud, but which has mushroomed into a political spectacle with what experts call serious procedural lapses.” [New York Times, 5/17/21]

2021: Sellers: “The county’s two independent audits have already shown there was no foul play in the 2020 general election.” “Maricopa County government is not involved in the Cyber Ninja audit, but we have provided the Arizona Senate eight terabytes of data, ballots and election equipment involved in the 2020 General Election as commanded by the subpoenas. What makes me angry are the allegations of corruption being thrown around — sometimes by elected officials who should know better — denigrating the good names of public servants who devoted the last two years of their lives to running quality elections in 2020. I am not going to address every allegation that people cook up these days, but I do want to talk about passwords. The specific password and security tokens Ken Bennett referenced this week provide access to proprietary firmware and source code. Elections administrators do not need to access this information to hold an election, and we do not have it in our custody. Mr. Bennett purports to need these to obtain results by batch number. But that information was provided on a thumb drive to the Senate’s attorney in January 2021. Someone with experience in the system could run a query of the information to create summary level batch reports of election results. In addition, the county provided the Senate with the memory cards and the totals tape, which provides a paper log of every vote and

action taken on Election Day on every tabulator used at a Vote Center. These would also provide a secondary comparison of results during a hand count. The county's two independent audits have already shown there was no foul play in the 2020 General Election. The results of the election were verified several times, in accordance with Arizona Law. The equipment used in the election were tested, retested, and audited by the only two U.S. companies certified to do that work. Just this week, the National Association of Counties took time to recognize the Board and Maricopa County Attorney's Office for overseeing and then defending the free and fair elections in 2020." [Sun City West Independent, 5/19/21]

Sellers: "It is clear the Arizona Senate and its contractors do not intend to retract false allegations defaming the county and its employees." "Maricopa County officials are asking for the preservation of all materials from the state Senate's audit of the 2020 election in Arizona's largest county ahead of possible legal action. A letter was sent on Friday to Arizona state Senate President Karen Fann, who ordered the audit earlier this month, with a litigation hold notice and document preservation request. 'It is clear the Arizona Senate and its contractors do not intend to retract false allegations defaming the County and its employees. For that reason, Maricopa County is formally requesting Senate President Fann, Senator Peterson, Senate liaison Ken Bennett, and contractors involved in the 'audit' preserve documents and evidence as they may be subject to future legal claims,' wrote Jack Sellers, chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors." [The Examiner, 5/21/21]

Sellers: "Senate leadership should be ashamed they broadcast the half-baked theories of the 'Deep Rig crowd to the world...'" "Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Sellers said Thursday's hearing 'represents an alternate reality that has veered out of control' and called on Senate leaders to 'stop accusing us of not cooperating when we have given you everything qualified auditors would need to do this job.' 'Senate leadership should be ashamed they broadcast the half-baked theories of the 'Deep Rig' crowd to the world today,' Sellers said. 'Finish your audit, release the report, and be prepared to defend it in Court.'" [The Examiner, 7/15/21]

July 2021: Sellers: "Calling what happened under the Senate contractor...an 'audit' insults the voters' intelligence and fuels the imaginations of those who wish to tear our democracy apart." "Calling what has happened under the Senate contractor in the Coliseum an 'audit' insults the voters' intelligence and fuels the imaginations of those who wish to tear our democracy apart. Senate Republican leadership continues to complain that the county would not allow the circus into our secure election facility. They apparently know so little about the scope of work of their contractor that they think the act at the Coliseum would fit into a building a fraction of the size. They also ignore the fact the county needed the building to conduct statutorily mandated jurisdictional elections in March and May. The contractor for the Senate 'audit' is also a known election conspiracy theorist who reportedly appears in a new movie to outline his partisan beliefs." [Sun City-Youngtown Independent, 7/14/21]

Sellers: "If you haven't figured out that the election in Maricopa County was free, fair, and accurate yet, I'm not sure you ever will." "The Republican Maricopa County Board of Supervisors chairman blasted state senators of his own party over their audit of the 2020 presidential election results, calling it an 'adventure in never-never land,' in a letter on Monday. 'It is now August of 2021. The election of November 2020 is over,' Jack Sellers, a Republican, wrote. 'If you haven't figured out that the election in Maricopa County was free, fair, and accurate yet, I'm not sure you ever will.' In the letter, tweeted by Brahm Resnik, a reporter for Phoenix-based news station KPNX-TV, Sellers wrote the State Senate GOP has not finished the audit because they 'hired people who have no experience and little understanding of how professional elections are run.' He said the Board 'has real work to do and little time to entertain this adventure in never-never land.' 'Please finish whatever it is that you are doing and

release whatever it is you are going to release,' he wrote. 'I am confident that our staff and volunteers ran the election as prescribed by federal and state law. There was no fraud, there wasn't an injection of ballots from Asia nor was there a satellite that beamed votes into our election equipment.' He called on all elected officials to 'tell the truth and stop encouraging conspiracies.' He asked them to release their audit report and 'be prepared to defend any accusations of misdeeds in court.' 'It's time to move on,' he wrote." [Newsweek, 8/2/21]

Board of Supervisors and Arizona Senate struck agreement to resolve audit issues. "Maricopa County will avoid losing nearly \$700 million in state-shared revenue and the Arizona Senate will be able to pose the questions it has about previously withheld materials that it subpoenaed for its review of the 2020 election results in the county. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Senate came to an agreement Friday to resolve the state attorney general's finding that the county violated state law by not turning over routers, splunk logs and certain administrative passwords subpoenaed by the Senate in January and July. The settlement, signed by Senate President Karen Fann, board Chairman Jack Sellers and their legal counsel, states that the county and the senate selected a special master to handle the process of answering the Senate's questions about the routers and splunk logs. That's in lieu of turning the materials over to the Senate and its contractor, Cyber Ninjas. The whole purpose behind obtaining the routers was to see if the election equipment had been connected to the internet at any time during the tabulation, a situation that could have resulted in vote tallies being altered. Fann said the routers, which direct computer traffic, would show if that had occurred. Fann and the county each claimed victory." [Arizona Capitol Times, 9/17/21]

2021: Sellers: "The candidates certified by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General—did, in fact, win." "Maricopa County Chairman Jack Sellers, a Republican who was critical of the partisan review process, said after a draft report began circulating Thursday night that the results were not surprising. 'You don't have to dig deep into the draft copy of the Arizona Senate/Cyber Ninja audit report to confirm what I already knew – the candidates certified by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General – did, in fact, win,' Sellers said in a statement." [WFAN, 9/24/21]

- **"I hope those holding onto their anger for the past ten months will see the truth and put their energy into supporting the democratic process instead of trying to tear it down."** [Washington Examiner, 9/24/21]
- **"The Cyber Ninjas opinions come from a misuse and misunderstanding of the data provided by the county and are twisted to fit the narrative that something went wrong."** [Mail Online, 9/25/21]

Sellers: "They just want to gain political power and gain money by fostering mistrust of the greatest power an individual can exercise in the United States—their vote." "Arizona officials on Thursday testified before Congress that they were not surprised that a Republican-led audit of a key county's 2020 election results failed to find evidence of fraud or that it has fueled conspiracy theories that have undermined the public's faith in democracy. Jack Sellers, the Republican chair of Maricopa County's Board of Supervisors, told the House Oversight and Reform Committee it was clear that some of the state's Republican leaders 'do not care what the facts are.' 'They just want to gain political power and gain money by fostering mistrust of the greatest power an individual can exercise in the United States - their vote,' he said. Sellers was joined at the hearing by another Republican member of the Maricopa County board and outside elections experts. Doug Logan, the chief executive of the firm that conducted the audit was invited to attend but did not appear." [Los Angeles Times, 10/7/21]

October 2021: Los Angeles Times: “Sellers said the audit and Trump’s unfounded claims about the election results has led to an uptick in threats directed at him and other local officials.” “Sellers said the audit and Trump's unfounded claims about the election results has led to an uptick in threats directed at him and other local officials. Sellers said the county was forced to erect a fence around the supervisors' headquarters in downtown Phoenix to protect election workers, who have faced violent threats for much of the year.” [Los Angeles Times, 10/7/21]

Sellers: “The election was free, fair, and accurate.” [PBS NewsHour, 10/7/21]

December 2021: Sellers: “Fann clings to a fiction that something went wrong in the 2020 General Election because it supports her outrageous expenditures on the poorly planned and executed ‘audit.’” “He begins: ‘Senate President Karen Fann clings to a fiction that something went wrong in the 2020 General Election because it supports her outrageous expenditures on the poorly planned and executed ‘audit.’ She repeats it in front of friendly live audiences, right-wing media pundits, and now in an interview on a respected local television news program. In her interview with Scott Pasmore, she repeated debunked accusations that defame our hardworking election employees saying election laws were not followed.” [Arizona Republic, 12/22/21]

- **“Maricopa...follows all federal and state laws when conducting elections.”** “The board, which is also dominated by Republicans, has refused to bend to the political pressures of those who are willing to trash the proven integrity of Arizona’s election system in order to bolster their political loyalty to Trump...Sellers answers, ‘Maricopa County follows all federal and state laws when conducting elections. Senate President Fann says she ‘knows’ many things based on the faulty analysis and assumptions made by the Cyber Ninjas. Their lack of understanding was turned into ‘anomalies’ and false conclusions.” [Arizona Republic, 12/22/21]
- **Sellers: “The accuracy and completeness of Maricopa County’s duplication process was confirmed in court...”** “And he adds, ‘The accuracy and completeness of Maricopa County’s duplication process was confirmed in court, something Senate President Fann failed to share. The Arizona Supreme Court concluded unanimously on December 9, 2020 that ‘the challenge fails to present any evidence of ‘misconduct,’ ‘illegal votes’ or that the Biden Electors ‘did not in fact receive the highest number of votes for office,’ let alone establish any degree of fraud or a sufficient error rate that would undermine the certainty of the election results.” [Arizona Republic, 12/22/21]
- **“The continued spread of misinformation is not a way to rebuild trust or improve elections.”** “He says ‘the continued spread of misinformation is not a way to rebuild trust or improve elections,’ and adds, ‘Soon the Board of Supervisors will receive a technical response from our Elections Department that addresses the many other falsehoods in the Cyber Ninjas’ reports. We look forward to receiving this information and sharing it with the public.” [Arizona Republic, 12/22/21]

2024: Sellers: “My highest priority in 2024 is to provide our county elections team with the resources and support they need to continue administering lawful, free, and fair elections...” “My highest priority in 2024 is to provide our county elections team with the resources and support they need to continue administering lawful, free, and fair elections in March, August, and November,’ said Sellers. As the country prepares for another competitive election cycle in 2024, Sellers believes ‘the eyes of the free world will once again be focused on Maricopa County,’ making collaboration and unity among

county departments more important than ever before. He invited the public to support upcoming elections by signing up to become a poll worker, early ballot processor, truck driver, or volunteer at GetInvolved.Maricopa.Vote. Beyond elections, Chairman Sellers is prioritizing the expansion of Arizona's economy by 'developing critical infrastructure that is needed for our future success.' This includes planning and investing in roads and transportation systems, broadband, and water supplies.' [Indian eGov Newswire, 1/3/24]

- **“The eyes of the free world will once again be on Maricopa County.”** [Yellow Sheet Report, 1/3/24]
- **“It’s fair for the public to hold us accountable, but no one should have to endure abuse.”** “He also expressed support for people who work for the county, including those who may be subject to criticism. ‘We have your back,’ Sellers, who represents the county's 1st District, said. ‘If you're one of the county departments that's under constant attack, I'm sorry,’ he said. ‘It's fair for the public to hold us accountable, but no one should have to endure abuse.’” [Center Square Arizona, 1/4/24]

2024: Sellers: “We need to ensure...that we do keep those election workers safe...one of the serious problems we’ve had is the most experienced and knowledgeable people in the elections field have moved on to other things because they feel that they’re not safe in the job.” “Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Sellers recalled armed individuals showing up to polls to intimidate voters and election workers. And he stressed the need for steady funding to support county and state governments who are struggling to administer elections and protect workers. ‘We need to ensure — whether it be with federal funding or state funding, or if counties can manage on their own — that we do keep those election workers safe,’ said Sellers. ‘Because one of the serious problems we’ve had is the most experienced and knowledgeable people in the elections field have moved on to other things because they feel that they’re not safe in the job.’” [Roll Call, 2/12/24]

Sellers: “We’ve worked very hard to have a very clear, clean, transparent process.” “Jack Sellers, chairman of Arizona’s Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, discussed steps his local government has taken to depoliticize the elections process. Depoliticizing running elections ‘would make life a lot easier’ for elections offices, he said, because ‘people get so emotional about the voting process’ after former President Donald Trump’s unsubstantiated claims of fraud in the 2020 elections. Instead of continuing to have the county’s elections director report to the Board of Supervisors, the board decided to have the director report to the county manager so elected officials are not supervising elections. ‘An elected official really should be as far away from the election process as possible,’ Sellers told the other county officials. ‘We've worked very hard to have a very clear, clean, transparent process. Answer all questions that come to us. Trying to take the emotion out of that process would make things a lot more secure.’” [Route Fifty, 2/13/24]

Health

2021: Sellers wanted to see data before lifting mask mandate. “As more people get vaccinated and reported cases of COVID-19 continue to fall, hope is mounting for a return to normal, including a time when masks are no longer required in public. In Maricopa County, that time might be closer than we think. There's growing interest among the county's Board of Supervisors to reconsider the county's mandate requiring masks in public. A discussion may come in early April, after the supervisors are briefed by county public health advisers on the spread of COVID-19 in states that recently repealed their mask mandates and the spread locally after spring break gatherings. While some supervisors believe it's

time to rescind the mask mandate, Board Chairman Jack Sellers said he's interested in seeing that data before the board considers repealing the mandate.” [Arizona Republic, 3/24/21]

- **Sellers: “Maricopa County respects the governor’s authority to issue executive orders during this emergency.”** ““Maricopa County respects the governor’s authority to issue executive orders during this emergency,’ Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Sellers said in a statement. ‘The county face covering regulation is no longer in effect as of the issuance of this morning’s order.’” [Sun City West Independent, 3/31/21]

Maricopa County dashboard showed how American Rescue Plan money was spent. “Members of the public have a new way to see how Maricopa County is using federal funds to bring services and stability to residents, families and businesses impacted by the pandemic. The Board of Supervisors approved spending priorities for \$435 million in federal funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was passed by Congress. Maricopa County’s newly-launched COVID-19 rescue funds dashboard makes it possible for residents to see where all that money is going. ‘This new COVID-19 funding dashboard will provide the transparency to Maricopa County residents that they deserve about how their federal dollars are being spent to help their community recover. It is a way to keep our government efficient and accountable.’ said Chairman Jack Sellers District 1. ‘Our goal is to distribute these funds in an equitable way across our community, with a focus on areas disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.’” [Yellow Sheet Report, 8/31/21]

MARK STEWART

Background & Philosophy

Stewart had served on Chandler City Council since 2016. “He has served on Chandler City Council since his election in 2016. A native Midwesterner, Stewart has lived in the county for about 25 years. He runs a consulting company that specializes in marketing and branding for Valley businesses. Stewart is running as a Republican.” [Arizona Republic, 4/8/24]

Stewart an entrepreneur and small business owner. “As an entrepreneur and small-business owner, I have a bold vision for Chandler. One that inspires and energizes the city by creating a community of innovation. One that empowers small businesses and startups by reducing regulation and lowering taxes. A vision that attracts and retains bedrock companies to Chandler and sees the limitless potential for growth and prosperity.” [Arizona Republic, 8/13/16]

2019: Submitted application for open post as Maricopa Supervisor. [East Valley Tribune, 1/28/19]

2020: Stewart positioned self as fiscal conservative during time on council. “Stewart has pushed business and technology initiatives and has positioned himself as a fiscal conservative during his time on the council. Going forward, he said he will ensure the city is on solid financial footing to overcome any downturn associated with the COVID-19 health crisis so that there are no layoffs or service interruptions at the city.” [Arizona Republic, 8/8/20]

Stewart a St. Louis native. “A native of St. Louis, Stewart moved to Chandler almost 20 years ago when a job transfer brought him to the desert. He was elected to the Chandler City Council and has served since 2017. ‘I moved here, bought a house, raised a family, I'm on the city council and opened my own business. I love it,’ he said. He had worked as a consultant for small companies and had experience understanding how to turn fortunes around and how to build businesses from the ground up.

This is where he discovered a passion for independent business owners and helping them define their purpose - and find success. All of Stewart's clients go through a workshop where he gets to know business owners, why they are doing what they do and figure out a unique way to present their stories to their consumer base. He needs more of an incentive to collaborate with a business owner than the motivation of money. He's unable to market someone just in it to make some bucks.” [Arizona Republic, 10/8/20]

Stewart ran consulting company specializing in marketing and branding for businesses. “Stewart has lived in Chandler since 2001 and first won election to the City Council in 2016. He is from Missouri and runs a consulting company that specializes in marketing and branding for Valley businesses. He is also a coach for the YMCA and Little League International.” [Arizona Republic, 2/10/23]

2024: Stewart joined Maricopa County Attorney’s Office Business Advisory Council. “Chandler Councilmember Mark Stewart will serve on the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office Business Advisory Council, a group made up of business leaders throughout Maricopa County which meets to provide business industry expertise and insight to the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office. ‘I am deeply honored to join the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office Business Advisory Council’ said Councilmember Stewart. ‘This appointment allows me to further represent the interests of Chandler and East Valley communities, not only as an elected official but also as a local business owner. I am committed to bridging the gap between business needs and public policy, ensuring our community’s prosperity and well-being.’ Advisory Board members meet quarterly to provide the County Attorney feedback on how to work together to help keep Maricopa County a safe and prosperous region. Councilmember Stewart currently serves on the Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee, National League of Cities Information Technology and Communications Federal Advocacy Committee, CeCe’s Hope Center Board of Directors and East Valley Partnership Board of Directors. He began serving on the Chandler City Council in January 2017 and he will complete his second term as a councilmember in January 2025.” [Yellow Sheet Report, 1/22/24]

Stewart: “My core belief is that the most effective government operates minimally yet efficiently...” “I am Mark Stewart, a devoted family man, a dedicated small business owner, and a passionate public servant. My core belief is that the most effective government operates minimally yet efficiently, staying true to the principles our founding fathers envisioned. At the heart of this vision is a ‘We the People’ approach, where the Constitution isn’t just a document but a living guide shaping every decision. My values are not for sale and I am committed to serving with unwavering integrity and embodying the true essence of servant leadership. I stand firmly for transparency in government, and as your County Supervisor, I promise that customer services will become synonymous with Maricopa County. Your trust fuels my commitment to serve with heart and dedication. I appreciate your support.” [MarkStewartAZ.com]

On The Issues

Development & Taxes

2016: Stewart wanted to enhance Chandler’s reputation as a technology hub. “Stewart said he has met with some current council members and intends to listen and learn once he is sworn in. He said he wants to enhance the city's reputation as a technology hub and pointed to his background as a small-business consultant as a potential asset in encouraging more entrepreneurial activity in Chandler.” [Arizona Republic, 11/12/16]

2020: Stewart: “When governments try to implement price controls it upsets the market and you can never fix that.” “Councilman Mark Stewart told The Arizona Republic that subsidizing rents will not address affordability. The market should dictate prices, he said. ‘When governments try to implement price controls it upsets the market and you can never fix that,’ he said.” [Arizona Republic, 2/16/20]

2020: Stewart: “Chandler is looking at innovative ways to move residents sustainably.” “‘As a community of innovation, Chandler is looking at innovative ways to move residents sustainably,’ Councilman Mark Stewart said. ‘We can be the expert on how this would work for the average commuter.’” [Arizona Republic, 3/28/20]

Elections

2021: Stewart voted to spend up to \$50,000 to explore voting by cellphone. “The Chandler City Council unanimously voted Aug. 26 to spend up to \$50,000 on a pilot project this fall that would involve a mock election, not a real one. While Councilmember Terry Roe told The Arizona Republic he questions whether now is the right time to test out new voting methods, Vice Mayor Mark Stewart said the technology could bolster voter confidence. He and others acknowledge using this type of technology in an actual Arizona election likely is years away and would take county and state buy-in, which the city doesn't have at this point.” [Arizona Republic, 9/1/21]

2024: Stewart: “It’s always good to have change...new blood and fresh ideas.” “Jack Sellers, the former Chandler City Council member and current chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors says he was surprised that he’s being challenged in the Republican primary for a second term. ‘I really kind of was, and in fact, a lot of my followers were as well,’ Sellers said. ‘I can’t tell you how many really significant people have said to me, ‘Jack, why would anybody run against you? You’re doing such a great job.’ His challenger in this year’s Republican primary is current Chandler Councilman Mark Stewart, who pointed to the 2000 county supervisor election as the primary reason he decided to challenge Sellers. ‘Jack barely won last time,’ Stewart said of that race, in which Sellers defeated Democrat Jevin Hodge by 403 votes (45.12% to 45.04%). ‘So, it’s important that I think we hang on to that seat. It’s always good to have change...new blood and fresh ideas.’” [Chandler News, [4/8/24](#)]

Stewart: “The community doesn’t trust the Board of Supervisors.” “Stewart is willing to raise questions about the two elections. ‘The community doesn’t trust the Board of Supervisors,’ Stewart said, contending ‘65% of Arizonans have some eyebrow raised over our elections as in a study that was done by ASU. So, something’s going on there.’” [Chandler News, [4/8/24](#)]

“For whatever reason, the Board of Supervisors wasn’t able to deliver the trust that...people are looking for...” “‘For whatever reason, the Board of Supervisors wasn’t able to deliver the trust that I think people are looking for, not only in Maricopa County, but in Arizona. For countries all over the world, we’re a laughingstock and it’s been happening since 2018.’” [Chandler News, [4/8/24](#)]

Stewart declined to say whether Biden and Hobbs won elections. “Stewart contends the supervisors have had ample opportunity to shore up confidence in election results and haven’t. When asked directly if he would have voted to certify the election results in 2020 and 2022, he declined to answer. ‘I wasn’t in the room, I don’t know what they know,’ he said. When asked if he believes Joe Biden and Katie Hobbs won their respective elections, he again declined to say. ‘The point is, there’s enough people who have concerns.’” [Chandler News, [4/8/24](#)]