

Court of Appeals, Division One

Civil Appeal

1 CA-CV 25-0310

STRONG COMMUNITIES, et al. v. YAVAPAI/ARIZONA

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 18-Apr-2025
Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department F
Hon. David B Gass
Hon. Anni Hill Foster
Hon. Randall M Howe

Side 1. STRONG COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA INCORPORATED; ERIC LOVELIS; WILLIAM JOSEPH APPLETON, AND LAURA HARRISON, Plaintiff/Appellant

(Litigant Group) STRONG COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA INCORPORATED, et al.

- Strong Communities Foundation of Arizona Incorporated
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- William Joseph Appleton
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Side 2. YAVAPAI COUNTY; CRAIG L. BROWN; JAMES GREGORY; DONNA G. MICHAELS; MARY MALLORY; HARRY B. OBERG, in their respective official capacities as members of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors; MICHELLE M. BURCHILL, in her official capacity as Yavapai County Recorder; MARICOPA COUNTY; BILL GATES; STEVE GALLARDO; THOMAS GALVIN; CLINT HICKMAN, and JACK SELLERS, in their respective official capacities as members of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors; STEPHEN RICHER, in his capacity as Maricopa County Recorder; COCONINO COUNTY; JERONIMO VASQUEZ; PATRICE HORSTMAN; ADAM HESS; JUDY BEGAY, and LENA FOWLER, in their respective official capacities as members of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors; and PATTY HANSEN, in her official capacity as Coconino County Recorder, Defendant/Appellee

(Litigant Group) YAVAPAI COUNTY, et al.

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Side 3. ARIZONA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS AND VOTO LATINO, Intervenor/Appellee

(Litigant Group) ARIZONA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS AND VOTO LATINO

- Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans
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CASE STATUS

Apr 22, 2026....Decision Rendered

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: YAV, S1300CV202400175, Special Action Relief, Tina R Ainley, Authoring Judge of Order.

Table with 2 columns: DESCENDENT CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class. Row 1: ASC, CV-26-0156-PR.

OPEN DUE DATE

Petition for Review to ASC Due Due By: Monday, June 22, 2026

[1 extension]

Re: MEMORANDUM DECISION (Affirmed) Hon Anni Hill Foster - Author; Hon David B Gass - Concur; Hon Randall M Howe - Concur

CASE DECISION

22-Apr-2026 MEMORANDUM DECISION

Anni Foster.....Author
David Gass.....Concur
Randall Howe.....Concur

Filed: 22-Apr-2026

Mandate:

Decision Disposition

Affirmed

29 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 18-Apr-2025 FILED: Index of Record, Notice of Appeal from Yavapai County Superior Court filed 03/21/25
2. 18-Apr-2025 FILED: e-Record on Appeal: Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
3. 18-Apr-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellant's Fee/Case Management Statement/Brief Due
4. 2-May-2025 FILED: Plaintiffs/Appellants Notice of Payment of Filing Fee; Plaintiffs/Appellants Notice of Payment of Filing Fee - Certificate of Service (Appellant)
5. 8-May-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-00540 ; \$330.00, Authorization: #28002820246, Applied to: STRONG COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA INCORPORA - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: America First Legal Foundation - By nCourt LLC
6. 9-May-2025 FILED: Case Management Statement; Certificate of Service: Combined Case Management Statement and Case Management Statement Additional Pages (Appellants)
7. 19-May-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: No Appellee's fee for Yavapai County, et al.; Appellee's Fee due for Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans and Voto Latino; Appellant's Brief Due
8. 19-May-2025 FILED: Settlement Conference Program Notice
9. 21-May-2025 FILED: Notice of Payment of Filing Fee; Certificate of Service (Intervenor/Appellees)
10. 28-May-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-00617 ; \$165.00, Authorization: # 48012240987, Applied to: ARIZONA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS AND VOTO LA - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Coppersmith Brockelman PLC - By nCourt, LLC
11. 9-Jun-2025 FILED: Plaintiffs/Appellants Notice of Filing and Serving Transcript; Plaintiffs/Appellants Notice of Filing and Serving Transcript Certificate of Service; Reporter's Transcript - 04/03/2024 - Motions Hearing (Janice M Grill); Reporter's Transcript - 01/13/2025 - Motions Hearing (Jacqueline Baradi) (Appellant)
12. 17-Jun-2025 FILED: Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance: Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Opening Brief; Certificate of Service: Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Opening Brief (Appellants)
13. 17-Jun-2025 FILED: Appendix to Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Opening Brief (Appellants)

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14.	8-Jul-2025	FILED: Unopposed Joint Motion for Procedural Order (First Request for 30-Day Extension); Certificate of Service (Intervenors/Appellees)
15.	8-Jul-2025	ORDERED: Unopposed Joint Motion for Procedural Order (First Request for 30-Day Extension) (Intervenors/Appellees) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 07/28/25 to Wednesday, 08/27/25 for answering briefs. If the briefs are not timely filed, the court will submit this appeal for decision on the record and opening brief. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
16.	27-Aug-2025	FILED: Appellees' Answering Brief; Certificate Of Compliance Appellees' Answering Brief; Certificate Of Service Appellees' Answering Brief (Appellee Yavapai et al.)
17.	27-Aug-2025	FILED: Intervenor-Defendants' Answering Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Intervenor/Appellee AZ Alliance)
18.	12-Sep-2025	FILED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order (First Request for 20-Day Extension); Certificate of Service: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order (First Request for 20-Day Extension) (Appellants)
19.	15-Sep-2025	ORDERED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order (First Request for 20-Day Extension) (Appellants) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Tuesday, 09-16-2025 to Monday, 10-06-2025, Due date EXTENDED from Tuesday, 09-16-2025 to Monday, 10-06-2025. The court will not grant any further extension absent new and unforeseen circumstances. If the briefs are not timely filed, the court will submit this appeal for decision on the record and the filed briefs. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
20.	1-Oct-2025	FILED: Intervenors-Defendants' Notice of Citation to Supplemental Legal Authority; Certificate of Service (Intervenor/Appellee Alliance)
21.	6-Oct-2025	FILED: Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Reply Brief; Certificate of Compliance: Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Opening Brief; Certificate of Service: Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Reply Brief (Appellant)
22.	14-Nov-2025	FILED: Notice of Withdrawal as Counsel; Certificate of Service (Appellee Arizona Alliance)
23.	25-Nov-2025	CLNDR: CONFERENCE, Department F, 1-8-26, COURTROOM 2.
24.	2-Dec-2025	CLNDR: CONFERENCE, Department F, 1-8-26, COURTROOM 2.
25.	26-Feb-2026	FILED: Notice of Withdrawal as Counsel; Certificate of Service (Intervenor)
26.	22-Apr-2026	MEMORANDUM DECISION (Affirmed) Hon Anni Hill Foster - Author; Hon David B Gass - Concur; Hon Randall M Howe - Concur
27.	22-Apr-2026	FILED: Decision Distribution Notification
28.	15-May-2026	FILED: ASC Order, 5/15/26, matter subject to dismissal if compliant motion for petition for review is not filed by 5/22/26
29.	18-May-2026	FILED: ASC Order, 5/18/26, extending the time to file a petition for review to 6/22/26