

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

THE STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

v.

PEGGY SUZANNE JUDD
(d/o/b 5/25/1962),

Defendant.

Case No: CR 2023-008495-001 DT

PLEA AGREEMENT

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Assigned to the Hon. Geoffrey Fish
Calendar CRJ-26

The State of Arizona and the Defendant hereby agree to the following disposition of this case:

Plea: The defendant agrees to plead GUILTY to:

AMENDED COUNT 2, FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO PERFORM DUTY BY ELECTION OFFICER, a Class 3 Misdemeanor, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 16-1009, 16-642(A), 13-707, and 13-802, committed on or between October 11, 2022 and December 1, 2022.

The factual basis for this guilty plea is included as Exhibit A of this plea agreement.

This is a non-dangerous, non-repetitive offense under the criminal code.

Terms: On the following understandings, terms and conditions:

1 1. The crime carries a presumptive sentence of 0 years; and a maximum sentence of 30 days. Probation IS available. Restitution of economic loss to the victim and waiver of extradition for probation revocation procedures are required. The maximum fine that can be imposed is \$500.00 plus a 78% surcharge required by A.R.S. §§ 12-116.01, 12-116.02 and 16-954 (plus additional surcharges and assessments listed below). Special conditions regarding sentence imposed by statute (if any) are:

A. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-116, a time payment fee of \$20.00 may

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- be imposed if the Defendant is ordered to pay a penalty, fine, or sanction and it is not paid in full on the date of sentencing.
- B. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-116.04, a \$13.00 penalty assessment shall be collected by the Court and forwarded to the treasurer of Maricopa County, with \$4.00 of that assessment being forwarded by that treasurer to the agency which investigated the case, to wit: Arizona Attorney General's Office.
 - C. Pursuant to A.R.S. §12-116.08, a \$9.00 penalty assessment shall be collected by the Court and forwarded to the treasurer of Maricopa County, with that amount in turn being forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in the Victims' Rights Fund established by A.R.S. §41-191.08 and the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund established by A.R.S. §41-2407.
 - D. Pursuant to A.R.S. §12-116.09, a \$2.00 penalty assessment shall be collected by the Court and forwarded to the treasurer of Maricopa County, with that amount in turn being forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in the Victims' Rights Enforcement Fund established by A.R.S. §41-1727.
 - E. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-269, the Defendant shall pay a \$20.00 probation assessment.
 - F. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-811(B), the proceeds of any fine imposed shall be deposited in the Attorney General's Anti-Racketeering Fund.
 - G. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-901(F), if sentenced to a term of probation, the defendant may be required to be imprisoned for up to 30 days in a county jail at the discretion of the court.
 - H. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-902(A), the Defendant may receive a term of probation of up to one year.

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The parties stipulate to the following additional terms:

- A. The Defendant shall be sentenced to a term of unsupervised probation of no less than 90 days.
- B. The Defendant shall pay a fine of \$500.00 to the Attorney General's Anti-Racketeering Fund as set forth in A.R.S. §§13-811(B), 13-2314.01. The Court shall retain the discretion to impose the surcharges on this fine except for the 10% that cannot be waived pursuant to *State v. Rogers*, 227 Ariz. 55, ¶¶ 5-6 (App. 2010).

19 3. The following charges are dismissed, or if not yet filed, shall not be brought against the defendant by the Arizona Attorney General's Office:

Count 1. The Attorney General's Office further agrees not to file any additional charges for conduct described in Arizona Attorney General's Office Special Investigations Section report SIS-2023-0243.

19 4. This agreement serves to amend the complaint or information, to charge the offense to which the defendant pleads, without the filing of any additional pleading. However, if the plea is rejected by the court or withdrawn by either party, or if the conviction is subsequently reversed, the original charges and any charges that are dismissed by reason of this plea agreement are automatically reinstated.

19 5. If the defendant is charged with a felony, he/she hereby waives his/her rights to a preliminary hearing or other probable cause determination on the charges to which he/she pleads. The defendant agrees that this agreement shall not be binding on the State should the defendant be charged with or commit a crime between the time of this agreement and the time for sentencing in this cause; nor shall this agreement be binding on the State until the State confirms all representations made by the defendant and his/her attorney, to-wit:

- A. **The Defendant avows that she has no prior felony convictions, diversions or deferred prosecutions under any name in any jurisdiction.**
- B. **The Defendant further avows that she was not on probation, parole, community supervision, work furlough, work release, or any other form of court-supervised monitoring at any time during the time periods of any count alleged in the indictment.**
- C. **The Defendant also avows that she has no other pending charges under any name in any jurisdiction.**

If the defendant fails to appear for sentencing, the court may disregard the stipulated sentence and impose any lawful sentence which is the same as or exceeds the stipulated sentence in the plea agreement. In the event the court rejects the plea, or either the State or the defendant withdraws the plea, the defendant hereby waives and gives up his/her right to a preliminary hearing or other probable cause determination on the original charges.

17 6. Unless this plea is rejected by the court or withdrawn by either party, the defendant hereby waives and gives up any and all motions, defenses, objections, or requests which he/she has made or raised, or could assert hereafter, to the court's entry of judgment against him/her and imposition of a sentence upon him/her consistent with this agreement. By entering this agreement, the defendant further waives and gives up the right to appeal (A.R.S. §13-4033) and agrees that the only available review is pursuant to Ariz. R. Crim. P. 33.

17 7. The parties hereto fully and completely understand and agree that by entering into a plea agreement, the defendant consents to judicial fact-finding by preponderance of the evidence as to any aspect or enhancement of sentence, and that any sentence either stipulated to or recommended herein in paragraph 2 is not binding on the court. In making the sentencing determination, the court is not bound by the rules of evidence. If after accepting this plea the court concludes that any of the plea agreement's provisions regarding the sentence or the term and conditions of probation are inappropriate, it can reject the plea. If the court decides to reject the plea agreement provisions regarding the sentencing, it must give both the state and the defendant an opportunity to withdraw from the plea agreement. In case this plea agreement is withdrawn, all original charges will automatically be reinstated. The defendant in such case waives and gives up his/her right to a probable cause determination on the original charges.

17 8. If the court decides to reject the plea agreement provisions regarding sentencing and neither the state nor the defendant elects to withdraw the plea agreement, then any sentence either stipulated to or recommended herein in paragraph 2 is not binding upon the court, and the court is bound only by the sentencing limits set forth in paragraph 1 and the applicable statutes.

17 9. This plea agreement does not in any way compromise, or provide any protection or defense with regard to, any civil action, whether by or on behalf of a victim or any government entity, and whether previously or later filed, including but not limited to an action pursuant to A.R.S. Title 13, Chapter 23 or §§ 13-4301-4315; nor does it abrogate or limit the provisions of A.R.S. § 13-2314(H) or A.R.S. § 13-4310(C), or in any other way adversely affect the State in any current or future forfeiture proceeding or other civil action pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-2314, §§ 13-4301-4315, or § 32-1993, if

applicable.

B 10. I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States that my decision to go to trial or enter into a plea agreement may have immigration consequences. Specifically, I understand that pleading guilty or no contest to a crime may affect my immigration status. Admitting guilt or entering a no contest plea may result in deportation even if the charge is later dismissed. My plea or admission of guilt could result in my deportation or removal, could prevent me from ever being able to get legal status in the United States, or could prevent me from becoming a United States citizen. I understand that I am not required to disclose my legal status in the United States to the court.

B 11. I have read and understand all of the provisions on all of the pages of this agreement, and I have discussed the case and my constitutional rights with my lawyer. I understand that, by pleading guilty or no contest, I will be waiving and giving up my right to a determination of probable cause; to a trial by jury; to confront, cross-examine, and compel the attendance of witnesses; to present evidence and witnesses on my behalf; my right to remain silent, my privilege against self-incrimination, presumption of innocence, my right to a trial by jury on facts used to aggravate a sentence, and my right to appeal. I agree to enter my plea as indicated above on the terms and conditions set forth herein. I fully understand that if, as part of this plea agreement, I am granted probation by the court, the terms and conditions thereof are subject to modification at any time during the period of probation. I understand that if I violate any of the written conditions of my probation, my probation may be terminated and I can be sentenced to any term or terms stated above in paragraph 1, without limitation.

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I have personally and voluntarily placed my initials in each of the above boxes and signed the signature line below to indicate I read, or had read to me, understood and approved all of the previous paragraphs in this agreement, both individually and as a total binding agreement. My plea is voluntary and is not the result of force, or threat, or promises other than those contained in this plea agreement.

Date Oct. 21, 24 Defendant 
PEGGY SUZANNE JUDD (001)

I have discussed this case with my client in detail and advised him/her of his/her constitutional rights and all possible defenses. I believe that the defendant's plea is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary and that the plea and disposition are consistent with law. I concur in the entry of the plea as indicated above and on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Date 10/21/2024 
KURT M. ALTMAN #015603
Attorney for Defendant

I have reviewed this matter and concur that the plea and disposition set forth herein are appropriate and are in the interests of justice.

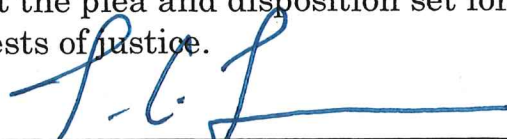
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TODD C. LAWSON #020216
Senior Litigation Counsel

Exhibit A
Factual Basis for Plea of Guilty

The Defendant affirms that the following statement of facts accurately depicts the actions of the Defendant and others mentioned, and constitutes the factual basis for her plea of guilty:

On or between October 11, 2022, and December 1, 2022, I, Peggy Suzanne Judd, a public officer upon whom a duty was imposed by Title 16 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, did knowingly refuse to perform that duty in the manner proscribed by law. As a Cochise County Supervisor, the duty imposed on me was pursuant to A.R.S. §16-642(A) to “meet and canvass the election” not later than November 28, 2022. I voted to delay the canvass during a public Cochise County Board of Supervisors meeting. I knew that the canvass would be delayed if one other supervisor voted with me.

I acknowledge that this statement, contained in this Exhibit A, is part of my plea of guilty in CR 2023-008495-001 DT, and that the facts in this statement are true and correct.

Date Oct. 21, 24 Defendant



PEGGY SUZANNE JUDD (001)