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## Arizona Supreme Court Denies Nomination Challenge to Candidate for Cochise County College District Board

**PHOENIX** –The Arizona Supreme Court today denied a nomination challenge seeking to disqualify candidate Stephanie Money from the ballot for the Cochise County College District Board.

Plaintiff, Eli Dalton-Webb, challenged Money's candidacy in Cochise County Superior Court, alleging that Money failed to qualify for the ballot because she did not submit a statement of interest or a financial disclosure statement in conjunction with her nominating petitions. The superior court ruled that Money was not required to file a statement of interest or a financial disclosure document because the law required only that she file nominating petitions.

Dalton-Webb appealed the superior court's ruling to the Arizona Supreme Court. The Court affirmed the superior court ruling, holding that the statute establishing the requirements for a college district governing board candidate—A.R.S. § 15-1442—requires only filing nominating petitions and does not clearly mandate filing a statement of interest or a financial disclosure statement. Money will remain on the ballot as candidate for the Cochise County College District Board in the Nov. 5, 2024 election.

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This summary is intended solely to notify the public about an Arizona Supreme Court Order. It is not to be considered an official commentary by the Court or any member of the Court, nor may it be cited as legal authority for any reason or purpose. The full order is available <a href="here">here</a> for those seeking details about the Court's reasoning.

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