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Via Email and Regular Mail

June 7, 2024

Honorable Lindsey Perry Arizona Auditor General 2910 N. 44th Street, Ste. 410 Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Re: Sunshine Residential Homes Investigation

Dear Auditor General Perry,

I am aware that you have offered your assistance to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) regarding a potential investigation into the situation involving Sunshine Residential Homes. As you may know, a referral was made to both my office and the MCAO by Senator T.J. Shope. Yesterday, my office informed Senator Shope that we would be opening a criminal investigation into this matter.

As outlined in A.R.S. § 41-1279.04(F), the Attorney General shall supervise the prosecution of all offenders investigated by your office. It would be inappropriate to conduct parallel investigations into the same matter, and a separate process conducted by the MCAO with your assistance could jeopardize the integrity of the criminal investigation that my office will now proceed with.

While your office is statutorily authorized to examine records and conduct audits at the direction of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, at this time, the assistance of your office is not needed by the Attorney General's Office for our investigation. Should that change, I will reach out and inform you and Representative Gress. I am certain the same cooperation and assistance offered to the MCAO will be extended to the Attorney General's Office as we gather facts and information pursuant to our criminal investigation into this serious matter.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact my office at any time.

Sincerely,

Kris Mayes

Arizona Attorney General

CC: Maricopa County Attorney Rachel Mitchell, Senator T.J. Shope, Representative Matt Gress