

### **Hon. Thomas Tang Writing Competition Prompt**

You are an attorney specializing in election law in the State of Arizona. In anticipation of the 2024 Election, multiple interest groups have approached you about whether certain conduct is permitted in the vicinity of ballot drop boxes. Here are some of the groups:

1. Eagles of Freedom (“EoF”) is an organization that wants to set-up tables across the street from heavily trafficked drop boxes to share materials about their beliefs and expand membership. EoF also wants to monitor whether anyone at the nearby boxes is violating current voting laws. Members of this group who staff their tables often wear bulletproof vests and play loud music at their events. They plan to do the same at their tables during Election week.
2. College Today (“CT”), a local university paper, wants to film videos for their social media accounts. CT plans to stand within three (3) feet of drop boxes near their campus to interview voters on the importance of Election Day. They may also film their own members and other AZ voters dropping off their ballots.
3. AZ Billboards (“AZB”) is an advertising company that owns billboards across the state. AZB was recently contacted by an organization whose mission is educating citizens on voter fraud. They contacted AZB in hopes of placing an ad on a billboard across the street from a busy drop box that is clearly visible for any person dropping off a ballot. While AZB has not named the organization, it is known to exaggerate their claims about the risk of voter fraud. AZB would like to accept the offer because the organization will pay more than the going rate at that location, but AZB is concerned about violating the law.

Please discuss all potential issues presented in the scenarios above, and include statutory reference where pertinent. Answer must be a minimum of 2000 words, including any citations. Send submissions to [Simon.Goldenberg@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:Simon.Goldenberg@srpmic-nsn.gov) by April 14, 2023.