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19	William Price Tedards, Jr.; Monica Wnuk; Barry Hess; Lawrence Lilien; and Ross	Case No. 2:	18-cv-4241-PHX-DJH
20	Trumble,		NT DOUG DUCEY'S
21	Plaintiffs,		D PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TUS CONFERENCE
22	v.		
23	Doug Ducey, Governor of Arizona, in his	Assigned to	Hon. Diane J. Humetewa
24	official capacity, and Jon Kyl, Senator of Arizona, in his official capacity,		
25	Defendants.		
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Sixty days have passed since this Court took Plaintiffs' motions for preliminary 1 injunction under advisement. That passage of time amounts to exactly one-third of the 2 3 time specified in Local Rule 7.2(n) for inquiring as to the status of a case. L.R. Civ. 7.2(n). Further disregarding the Rule, Plaintiffs initially made their request in the form 4 of an *ex parte* letter to the Court rather than consulting Defendants' counsel and making 5 a motion "according to the Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual." Id. This 6 ex parte approach was especially inappropriate because Rule 7.2(n) specifies that "the 7 attorneys of record in the case" shall make the motion, suggesting coordination among 8 9 counsel for all parties. Id. (emphasis added). Beyond the anomalous procedure, 10 however, Plaintiffs' effort to force an early decision is meritless.

Plaintiffs' argument distills to a single point: this case is important. This fact 11 neither distinguishes this case from others pending before the Court nor points to the 12 outcome Plaintiffs seek. The Local Rules presumably select an inquiry deadline of 180 13 days for a reason. The Court is busy, and motions inquiring as to the status of pending 14 matters only add work to an already crowded docket. Plaintiffs justify their disregard 15 for the Rules by observing that this case "raises questions of national importance." 16 Mot. 2 (quoting Hamamoto v. Ige, 881 F.3d 719, 723 (9th Cir. 2018)). But cases of 17 national importance are odd candidates for haste. Contrary to Plaintiffs' suggestion, a 18 case implicating the composition of the United States Senate is one in which the Court 19 should take all care to reach a correct decision that will be affirmed on appeal. 20

To the extent Plaintiffs' citation to Ninth Circuit precedent and its discussion of expedited appeals is intended to suggest that this Court is *obliged* to act quickly, that is mistaken. The appellate court can set whatever procedures it likes for appellate procedure; the procedures in this Court are governed by the Local Rules, which specify 180 days before a status inquiry is inappropriate.

Moreover, the Ninth Circuit's allusion in *Hamamoto* to a 47-day whirlwind from district court through *en banc* appeal is inapt. That case involved a pre-election challenge to voting procedures that needed to be resolved before election day arrived.

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Sw. Voter Educ. Proj. v. Shelley, 344 F.3d 914 (9th Cir. 2003). The circumstances here
 are different because the appointment has already occurred, and the next election for
 U.S. Senate is 509 days away.

Plaintiffs are silent on any benefit they anticipate coming from an additional
status conference. The Court has already heard the parties' arguments. Further
argument would be inappropriate, unnecessary, and unhelpful. Like the instant motion,
it would only further delay the Court's work on this admittedly important case.

The Court should deny Plaintiffs' Motion for Status Conference.

DATED this 13th day of June, 2019.

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