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STATEMENT: KEN BLACKWELL ON ISSUES WITH MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS

Washington, D.C. – Maricopa County, Arizona, recently released a report and statement about their performance in the 2022 midterm election. In part, the report stated, “All legal ballots were counted and included in the official results, but the printer issues caused frustration for many Election Day voters, something the Board has vowed to remedy.”

Today, the America First Policy Institute released the following statement from **Ken Blackwell, Chair of the Center for Election Integrity at the America First Policy Institute**, regarding the recent discoveries about the 2022 midterm elections in Maricopa County, Arizona:

“First, Maricopa County election officials blame printers and say they will do better. Common sense and basic competence would dictate election officials assess the capability of the printers BEFORE Election Day. They didn’t.

Second, it now appears that not all legal ballots were counted and included in the official results. There is testimonial evidence of people who did not have their votes counted. And in a legal case brought by Arizona Attorney General candidate Abe Hamadeh, evidence shows that then-Secretary of State Katie Hobbs knew that the recount showed discrepancies and failed to disclose those relevant facts to the court in a timely manner before the court made its ruling. This failure to do so is either gross incompetence or a cover-up.

Maricopa County failed its voters in 2022, and there should be consequences for that failure.”

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