



CITIZENS FOR
RESPONSIBILITY &
ETHICS IN WASHINGTON

January 28, 2022

Office of the Chief Clerk
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Re: Public Records Request – Rep. Mark Finchem

Dear Mr. Riches:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) makes this request for records of the Arizona State House of Representatives pursuant to the Arizona Public Records Law, A.R.S. §§ 39-121 et seq.

Specifically, CREW requests the following records from Representative Mark Finchem and his staff, including but not limited to public records sent or received from Representative Finchem’s email account markfinchem@me.com, his personal phone, or any other personal email or electronic messaging account:

1. All communications from December 1, 2020 to the date this request is processed with any of the following individuals:
 - a. Former President Donald J. Trump or any member of his staff (including but not limited to any person using an email address ending with @donaldjtrump.com or @45office.com)
 - b. Former White House official Steve Bannon
 - c. Former White House official Peter Navarro
 - d. Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani
 - e. Nevada Secretary of State candidate Jim Marchant or any member of his staff (including but not limited to any person using an email address ending with @jimmarchant.com)
 - f. Michigan Secretary of State candidate Kristina Karamo or any member of her staff (including but not limited to any person using an email address ending with @kristinakaramo.com)
 - g. U.S. Representative Jody Hice or any member of his staff

- h. U.S. Representative Andy Biggs or any member of his staff
- i. Bernard Kerik (including but not limited to from the email address bernardkerik@protonmail.com)
- j. Phil Waldron (including but not limited to from any email address ending with @bonfireresearch.org)
- k. Jenna Ellis (including but not limited to from the email address jenna.ellis.esq@gmail.com)
- l. John Eastman (including but not limited to from the email addresses jeastman@claremont.org or jeastman@chapman.edu)
- m. Any representative of the Thomas More Society (including but not limited to from any email address ending with @thomasmoresociety.org)
- n. Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes
- o. Oath Keepers member Edward Vallejo
- p. Any representative or member of the Oath Keepers (including but not limited to communications with Oath Keepers members through the encrypted messaging app Signal)
- q. Arizona Representative Jake Hoffman
- r. Former Arizona Representative Anthony Kern
- s. Former Arizona Senator Kelli Ward
- t. Michael Ward
- u. Tyler Bowyer (including but not limited to from any email address ending with @tpusa.com)
- v. Nancy Cottle
- w. Loraine Pellegrino
- x. James Lamon
- y. Robert Montgomery
- z. Samuel Moorhead
- aa. Greg Safsten

2. All records from December 1, 2020 to the date this request is processed relating to any summit, conference, or other event concerning “ballot integrity” or “election integrity” that Representative Finchem attended or plans to attend, including but not limited to:
 - a. The summit held in Dallas, Texas, on October 6, 2021
 - b. The summit scheduled for January 29, 2022, in Wisconsin
 - c. The summit scheduled for February 26, 2022, in Nevada
3. All records from December 1, 2020 to the date this request is processed relating to the “Patriot Double Down” convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in October 2021.
4. All records from December 1, 2020 to the date this request is processed relating to the “coalition of America First secretary of state candidates,” including but not limited to any communications sent by or to any member of the coalition or their staff.

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. We seek records of any kind, including paper records, electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, data, and graphical material. Our request includes without limitation all correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. Our request also includes any attachments to emails and other records, as well as emails to which the subjects of this request were cc'ed or bcc'ed.

Our request also seeks all responsive records stored in personal or non-official electronic messaging accounts or devices that concern state business or otherwise fall within the scope of the Arizona Public Records Law.

If it is your position that any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, please provide an index of records or categories of records that have been withheld and the reasons the records or categories of records have been withheld. A.R.S. § 39- 121.01(D)(2).

If some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please redact those portions and produce the remainder of the requested records.

This request is made for noncommercial purposes. CREW is a non-profit corporation, organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. CREW is committed to protecting the public's right to be aware of the activities of government officials, to ensuring the integrity of those officials, and to highlighting and reducing the influence of money on politics. CREW intends to analyze the information responsive to this request and to share its analysis with the public. The release of information obtained through this request is not in CREW's financial interest. Moreover, there is substantial public interest in the requested documents insofar as they concern Representative

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Finchem's communications with key individuals who sought to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and who continue to spread harmful election misinformation.

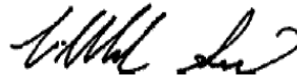
Because this request is made for noncommercial purposes, CREW requests that any fees charged in connection with processing this request be limited to copying and postage charges, if applicable. CREW agrees to pay up to \$100 for copying and postage charges in connection with processing this request. If such costs or fees are expected to exceed this amount, please contact me at (202) 408-5565 or nsus@citizensforethics.org.

Where possible, please produce records in electronic format. Please send the requested records to me at either nsus@citizensforethics.org or Nikhel Sus, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, 1331 F St. NW, Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this request or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikhel Sus".

Nikhel Sus
Senior Counsel