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Andrew McGuire, Paradise Valley Town Attorney 6401 E. Lincoln Drive Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 amcguire@paradisevalleyaz.gov

## VIA EMAIL and First Class Mail

Re: Legislator Request for Investigation regarding whether Paradise Valley Ordinance 2022-03 violates S.B. 1350, A.R.S. § 9-500.39, A.R.S. § 9-841 or A.R.S. § 12-1131 et seq.

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Enclosed with this letter is a complete copy of a Legislator Request for Investigation under A.R.S. § 41-194.01 (the "Request") regarding whether the Town of Paradise Valley ("PV") Ordinance 2022-03 violates S.B. 1350, A.R.S. § 9-500.39, A.R.S. § 9-841 or A.R.S. § 12-1131 et seq. With the Request's filing, the Office will now conduct an investigation and prepare a report that, under the statute, must be completed in no later than 30 days. A.R.S. § 41-194.01(A), (B).

In the report, the Attorney General will reach one of three conclusions. See id., § 41-194.01(B). If PV has not violated any provision of state law or the Arizona Constitution, the Office will take no further action. Id. § 41-194.01(B)(3). If PV may have violated a provision of state law or the Arizona Constitution, the Attorney General will file an action in the Arizona Supreme Court. See id. § 41-194.01(B)(2); State ex rel. Brnovich v. City of Tucson, 242 Ariz. 588 (2017). If PV has violated a provision of state law or the Arizona Constitution, the Office will notify PV in writing and state that PV has 30 days to resolve the identified violation. A.R.S. § 41-194.01(B)(1). If the Attorney General determines that PV failed to resolve the violation within 30 days, the Attorney General will notify the State Treasurer, who shall withhold and redistribute from PV state shared monies as provided by A.R.S. §§ 42-5029(L) and 43-206(F).

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In light of the exigencies of the current circumstances, the Office hereby requests that PV voluntarily provide a written response to the Request by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2021.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Catlett

Deputy Solicitor General

Government Accountability Unit

Enclosure