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PRESS RELEASE

Arizona NORML Makes First Candidate Endorsement Ever

Julie Gunnigle deserves your vote for Maricopa County Attorney

Phoenix, October 30, 2020: Today, Arizona NORML announced its first ever endorsement of a candidate for public office. That honor goes to Julie Gunnigle, the Democratic nominee for Maricopa County Attorney.

Arizona NORML's Executive Director, Ryan Wilson, offered the following comment:

"Julie Gunnigle is a vocal supporter of Proposition 207 and running as a progressive prosecutor. In the event that voters adopt Prop. 207, Gunnigle promises to cooperate with expungement petitions. Further, regardless of the initiative, Gunnigle assures voters that low-level marijuana offenses will not be prosecuted should she become the County Attorney.

The contrast in this election is clear. The current Maricopa County Attorney, Allister Adel, has stayed mostly silent on the topic of marijuana policy, despite its topical relevance and widespread demands for a new policy. Unfortunately, her silence is not surprising. Adel was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey, who not only opposes Prop. 207 but also appointed Bill Montgomery, a strident prohibitionist and former county attorney, to the Arizona Supreme Court last year.

In light of the candidates' differences, Arizona NORML cannot sit on the sidelines. Its parent organization was founded fifty years ago to oppose marijuana prohibition, and Arizona is on the brink of taking a big step towards that goal. Should Prop. 207 succeed, a County Attorney Gunnigle would be critical to ensuring it gets appropriately implemented as voters intend.

For these reasons, Arizona NORML is supporting Julie to become the next Maricopa County Attorney."

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