Arizona bipartisan group calls on candidates to take ‘democracy promise’ to accept election results

By Wayne Schutsky

A coalition of current and former elected Democrats and Republicans are calling for all candidates running for office to pledge they will accept the result of this year’s elections.

Give a sworn current and former elected officials are supporting democracyFIRST in Arizona. The group is asking all candidates to make a commitment to preserving the integrity of the electoral process and accepting the election results.

Richer said it is incumbent for candidates of all types to get on board and commit to democracy.

“With these four principles that democracyFIRST put out, I hope that we can collectively accept them, given this moment in American history, and on this issue as a very real challenge, whether it’s international or internal. I am facing this county, Manchester Caucus, Republican Senator Richer said. “I think it’s important that we stand truthfully, and honestly, what the median Arizona voter feels from elected officials and candidates running for offices.”

Other endorsed officials who support democracyFIRST include Democratic Secretary of State Adrian Fontes, Republican Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer and Democratic Congressman O’Halleran.

Republican House Majority Jon-Title, Democratic Terrence Mary Gaynor Coyne and independent Chandler Councilman Math Orlando also support the group.

“This coalition represents a powerful collaboration across party lines to enhance and protect the democratic values we all cherish,” Fontes said in a press release. “Our goal is to foster a political environment that encourages accountability and cherished norms for elected officials and candidates seeking positions that directly impact our elections.”

Over a dozen current and former elected officials in Arizona are calling on all candidates running for office to make the ‘democracy promise’ to accept election results.

The promise includes four basic tenets, including supporting the right of every eligible voter to participate in elections; denouncing political violence; committing not to spread election misinformation; and accepting the election results and the peaceful transfer of power.

Richer said it is important to speak up anyway, though.

“Until there is a peaceful, non-violent transition, we’re going to have to have a conversation about those problems rather than blaming conspiracy theories. He said he plans to ask his colleagues at the Arizona Capitol to join him in support of democracyFIRST.

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