

# EXCLUSIVE: 'When we lay out our evidence we will win': Kari Lake's election fraud case WILL go to trial and Republican tells America to 'buckle up' as she fights to overturn Arizona result

- Election Denier Kari Lake, 53, was the Republican nominee for governor in Arizona and has launched legal action to have her defeat overturned
- She told her followers on Monday night: 'Buckle up, this is far from over'
- 'I'm not going to stand down,' she told conservatives in Phoenix yesterday
- Lake says that election day problems with printers cost her victory last month

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Kari Lake on Monday said she was confident of victory when a court finally hears evidence that the election was stacked against her as a judge in Arizona said her voter fraud case will go to trial this week.

Lake lost the race to be Arizona's next governor last month by about 17,000 votes to Democratic candidate Katie Hobbs.

But she has argued ever since that problems with printers and election day protocol cost her the election.

On Monday, a judge dismissed a string of her challenges but ultimately ruled that Lake will get her day in court with a chance to present evidence this week.

**A defiant Lake told DailyMail.com** before the ruling that she would win if she could get the chance of a court trial. 'When we lay out our evidence, which is overwhelming, the judge will rule in our favor, and we win,' she said.



**Kari Lake 's election case will be going to trial, the Republican revealed in a tweet Monday, shortly after attempts to throw it out by Governor elect Katie Hobbs were squashed**



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And she accused her opponents of running from the truth.

'The other side wants to sweep all of these problems under the carpet ... under the rug and deny that our elections are run like a third world country, like a banana republic,' she said. 'And they want this to go away.'

Late on Monday evening, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Peter Thompson ordered a two-day trial on two of the challenges brought by Lake about chain of custody issues and printer breakdowns.

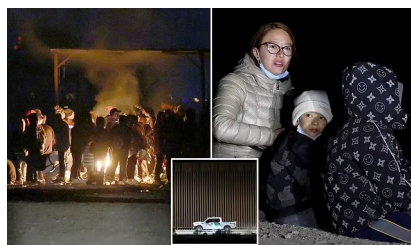
As news emerged she tweeted: 'Our Election case is going to trial. Katie Hobbs attempt to have our case thrown out FAILED. She will have to take the stand & testify. Buckle up, America. This is far from over.'

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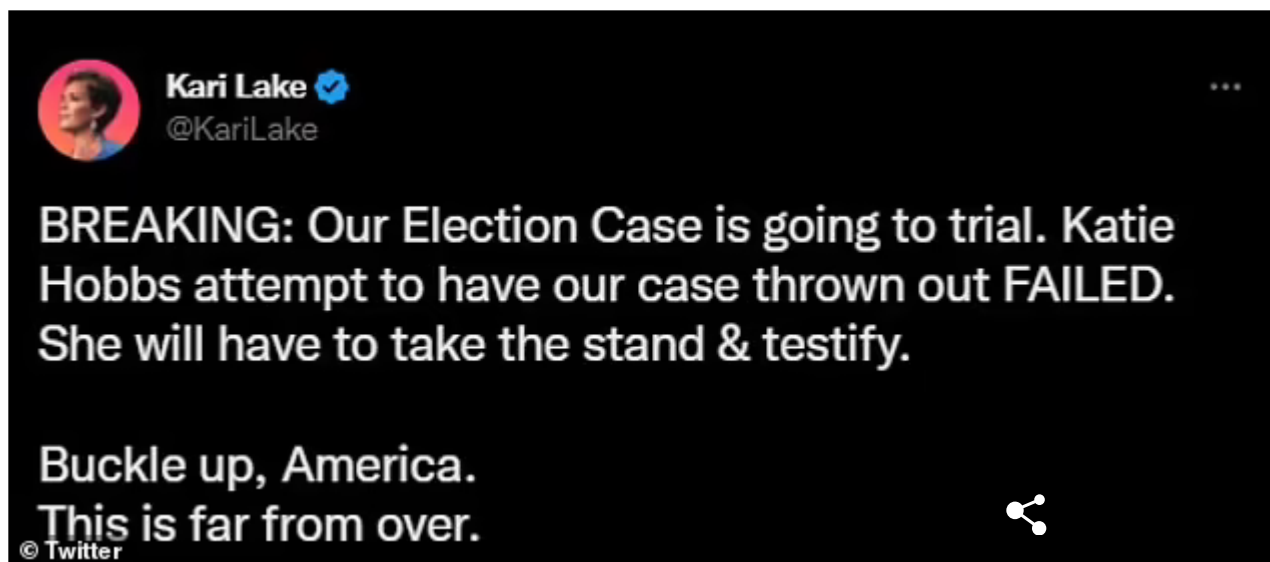
She won her victory after telling supporters at a gathering of conservatives in Phoenix: 'I'm not going to stand down. These people are corrupt.'

The outspoken Republican - who has been a key booster of former President Donald Trump's claims that the 2020 election was stolen- said she would take her fight all the way to the Supreme Court if she has to.

Hobbs, 52, attempted to throw out Lake's bid during a hearing Monday morning in Maricopa County Superior Court - but now, according to Lake, the Democrat will have to take the stand and testify in the upcoming trial.

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Lake, 53, alleges that a Maricopa County official interfered with the machines, violating both federal and state law.



Lake, who also argued against the results of the 2020 Presidential Election - tweeted this evening: 'Our Election Case is going to trial. Katie Hobbs attempt to have our case thrown out FAILED. She will have to take the stand & testify. Buckle up, America. This is far from over'

She is now tasked with proving that the tampering, did, in fact, take place, and that the machines and the printer malfunctions directly caused her to lose votes. Officially, Lake lost to Hobbs, who had served as Arizona's 21st secretary of state before her win, by more than 17,000 votes.

On Monday evening, Judge Thompson heard Lake's lawsuit for the first time, dismissing eight out of 10 claims in the 70-page filing.

Counts two and four were allowed to stand. They alleged that problems with tabulation led to her loss, and that protocol around ballot chain of custody, tracking who had control of ballots, were not followed.

Lake claimed some ballots were added by staffers from Runbeck Election Service, the company tasked with printing the ballots.





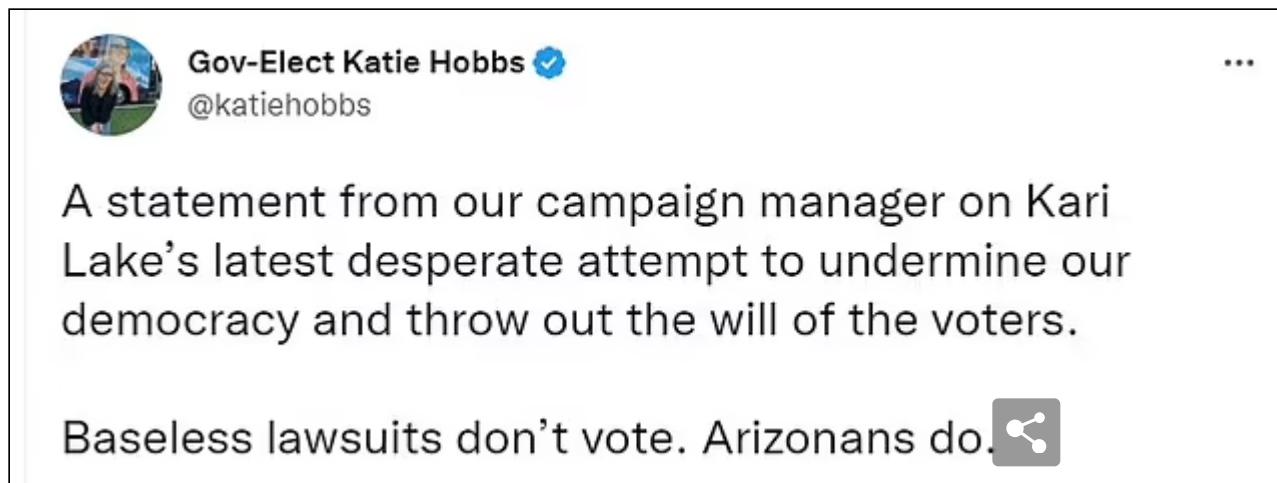
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The claims thrown out include allegations that Hobbs' office had Twitter posts taken down to influence public opinion the day of the election, and several other regarding supposed wrongdoing by officials in Maricopa County - which includes Phoenix and is Arizona's largest county - to try to tamp down election misinformation.

The suit names both Maricopa County and Hobbs and defendants, with the Governor-Elect - who is finishing out her term as secretary of state - called the suit 'baseless' in a post of her own on Twitter, describing it as the 'latest desperate attempt to undermine our democracy and throw out the will of the voters.'

She added in a follow up post Monday, as jurors heard Lake's argument: 'The voters made it clear that they want their leaders to work together to solve problems. Arizonans have entrusted me to do that and I'm ready to get to work as Arizona's next Governor.'

The secretary of state's office further slammed the suit as a 'sham,' while also criticizing Lake as nothing more than a media personality looking for her 15-second of fame, writing in a statement: 'Kari Lake needs attention like a fish needs water.'



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Last week, Hobbs and Maricopa County election officials named in the lawsuit filed a motion to dismiss, which on Monday proved partially unsuccessful as two of the original eight claims were deemed substantial enough to be heard in court.

Other detractors, meanwhile, argue that the political newcomer - a former news anchor who millions of Arizonians recognize as the face of Phoenix news station KSAZ-TV - lacks proof to stand up even those allegations.

'Not only do plaintiff's allegations fail to support finding that she is entitled to be awarded enough votes to change the outcome of the election, but also, they do not show even a single illegal vote, any erroneous count of votes, or that the Defendant election officials engaged in any misconduct,' wrote lawyers with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office,' according to [Arizona Central](#).

During proceedings, the attorney for Maricopa County argued that affidavits from voters that while citizens did have to wait in longer-than-normal lines, most voters were able to cast their ballots and that there was no evidence or facts to support Lake's allegations of misconduct.

Lake's and her legal team, however, have highlighted that Maricopa County has not publicly stated that they intend to get to the bottom of Election Day problems, including the aforementioned long lines that Lake argues helped cost her a win.



**Election workers open mail in ballots at the Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center on November 11, 2022, in Phoenix, Arizona. The county is named in the suit as a defendant, along with Hobbs, for alleged misconduct during the state's election last month**

Lake, who also mentioned allegations of voter fraud in the 2020 election in her suit, emerged as a star of the Donald Trump-aligned right in the past year, as she came close to winning Arizona. There is even chatter that she might make a strong pick for the ex-commander-in-chief's running mate come 2024.

She received rapturous applause during the second day of Turning Point USA's America Fest in Phoenix, her hometown, Sunday, where she insisted she will fight on whatever happens.

'I'm going to take my election lawsuit, which is the strongest election lawsuit this country has ever put forth. And I will take it to the Supreme Court if necessary.

'That's right. You do not steal our vote and get away with it. You don't then mess with the wrong woman. So we go to court tomorrow.'

While the gathering of young conservatives grapples with the results of last month's midterms, and whether Trump or Florida's Ron DeSantis is the right pick for 2024, she offered a full-throated endorsement for the former - who himself is under investigation for allegedly inciting riots on January 6, 2021, after claiming voter fraud lost him his second bid for the Oval Office.

'Seven years ago, when Trump came down that escalator Republican Party was on life support. It was a bunch of R.I.N.O.s and he did something amazing: he revived it with truth,' she said, using an acronym for 'Republicans in name only.'

'He revived it with common sense policy. And he brought we the people back into the fold.'

She proceeded to make it clear that her allegiance was with the former president.

'Listen, want to bring somebody else back? I think you know what I'm talking about: President Donald J. Trump,' she declared.

'He and I have become good friends. That man cares more about this country than anybody I know. He's given up more than anybody I know. And these bastards of the media want to drag him through the mud.'