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# New Election Held in Germany After Previous 'Chaotic' One Declared Void - Parallels to Maricopa County Seen by Lake Campaign



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A new election was held in Berlin on Sunday after one conducted in 2021 was declared void due to Election Day irregularities.

Arizona gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake's campaign believes the same should happen in Maricopa County.

Sunday's election in Germany resulted in the center-right Christian Democrats coming out on top of the left-of-center Green Party and Social Democrats, according to [The Associated Press](#).

Berlin's highest court ordered a new election in November after "a chaotic 2021 state election that was marred by severe glitches at many polling stations and hours-long lines as some polling places ran out of ballot papers or received ones for the wrong district," the AP reported.

"Projections showed the center-right Christian Democrats ahead with 27.8 percent of the vote, followed by the Greens with 18.8 percent, and the Social Democrats with 18.7 percent,

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Mayor Franziska Giffey, a Social Democrat, conceded the race after the polls closed, saying, “Berliners are not happy with the way things are now.”

[Reuters](#) reported that the Christian Democrats did 10 percentage points better on Sunday than they did in the 2021 election, which was plagued by problems.

In November, Judge Ludgera Selting ordered a new election due to the “frequency and gravity” of the mistakes and the “serious systemic flaws” in the preparation for the one held in September 2021, according to [Deutsche Welle](#).

Hundreds of polling stations were impacted by ballot issues, including running out of them and the wrong candidates being listed on them in many locations.

**Should a new election be held in Maricopa County?**

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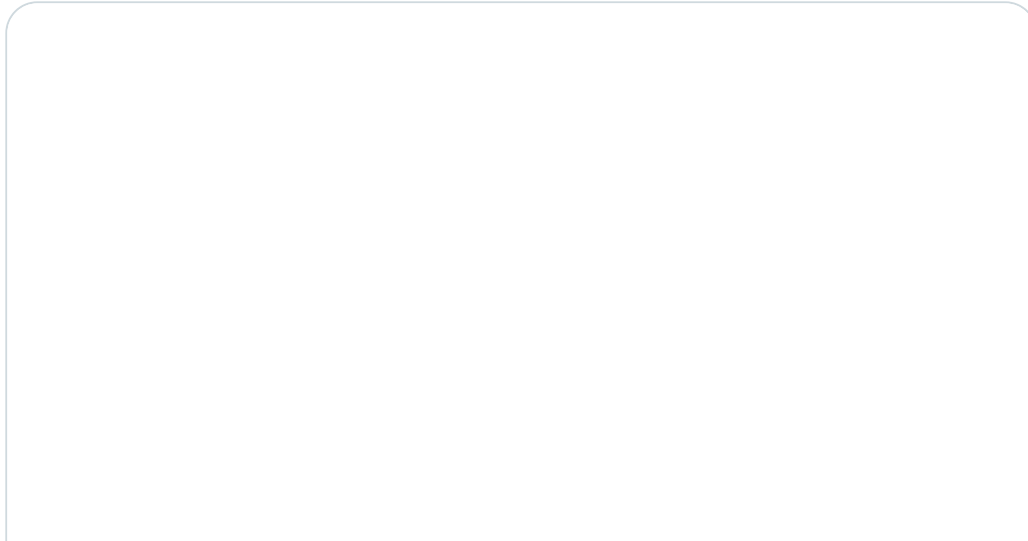
“On November 10, the [German Parliament] decided to have the federal election repeated in 431 of 2,256 Berlin electoral constituencies,” DW reported.

Lake’s campaign tweeted after Sunday’s election, “You’re up next, [Maricopa County].”



You're up next, [@maricopacounty](#).

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Lake's challenge of Democratic Gov. Katie Hobbs' narrow win in November is currently before the Arizona Court of Appeals.

In her lawsuit, Lake pointed to the [Election Day chaos](#) in Maricopa County involving [misconfigured ballot printers](#) in the majority of voting centers, a lack of [chain-of-](#)



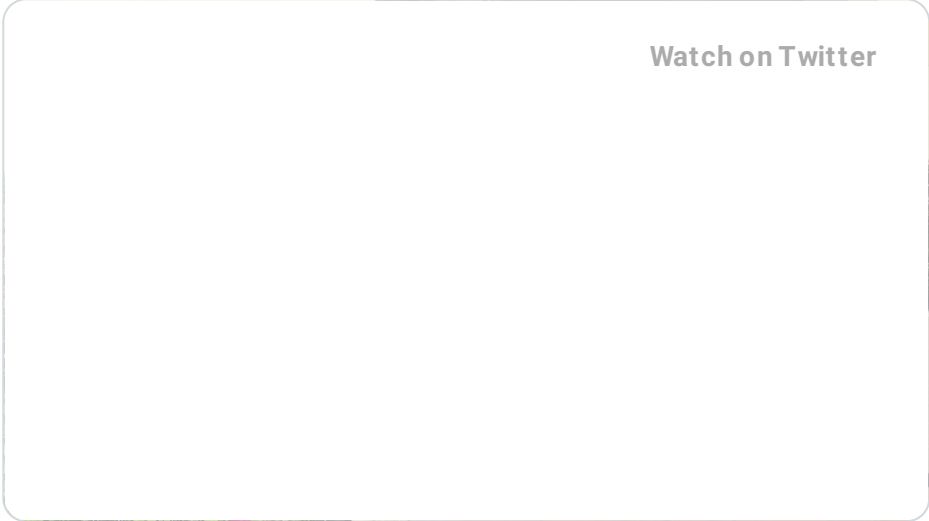
election in the county must be redone.

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As was the case in Berlin, [hours-long lines](#) formed at polling locations throughout the county on Election Day, due in part to the ballot printer issue that prevented tabulators from accepting the ballots.



Here is the problem w/ what happened in Maricopa County on Election Day. This is Anthem, north of Phoenix at about 1:15 pm. Ruby red district of about 30K people. Only one polling location. Ballot tabulators not working in the morning. 2 hr wait to vote midday and still at 6 pm.



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I was outside a polling location in SE Chandler for 3 hours Tues morning as a campaign supporter; we were told that polling locations in N Gilbert were down, so those voters were being sent to ours...wonder how many never voted at all, on leaving Gilbert?

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Replying to @JonathanTurley

I've been at this polling station for 3 hours; line has been this long all morning, and we are hearing voters are being sent here from other polling stations which aren't working. 😬



voted for her, meaning she was the candidate most impacted by the irregularities.




The county reported that nearly [one-third](#) of the polling sites, 70 of the 223, had the ballot printer issue.

Republican National Committee lawyer Mark Sonnenklar [testified](#) at Lake's election challenge trial in December that his team of roving lawyers on Election Day found these problems at 132 locations, or 59 percent in all.

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Lake's campaign also tweeted an image of a map of the county showing that most of the impacted polling sites were in Republican areas.

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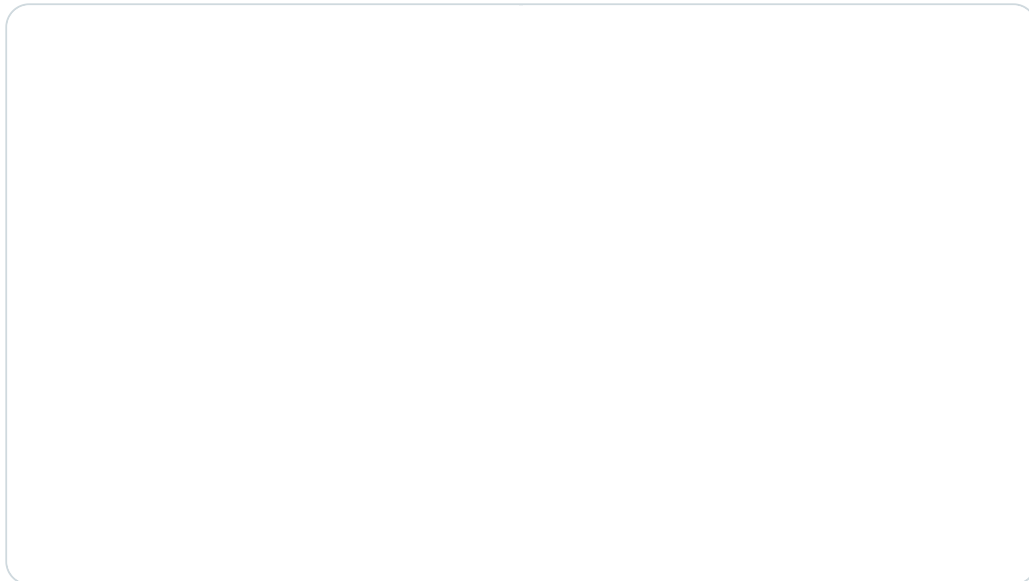


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Maricopa County Tabulation & Election Center had a “heat map” in their central count showing “Republican Voter Dot Density.

Our team compared it with the locations where tabulator failures occurred on Election Day

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In December, a trial court judge [ruled in Hobbs' favor](#), finding that Lake’s legal team did not provide “clear and convincing” evidence of intentional misconduct by Maricopa County officials to impact the result of the race.



intentional action taken in favor of a particular candidate.

In Berlin, the judge did not find election officials' conduct to be intentional, but nonetheless ordered a new election due to the irregularities seen on Election Day.

The Lake campaign believes the same reasoning should be applied to what happened in Maricopa County.

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