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# Arizona Election Denying Voter Guide

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### Arizona Senate





#### Blake Masters Refuses To Say Whether He Will Accept the Results of The Election. "<u>Blake Masters in</u>

Arizona...declined to commit to accepting the 2022 results. [...] Mr. Masters, the Trump-backed Republican nominee for Senate, baselessly predicted to supporters in July that even if he defeated Senator Mark Kelly, the incumbent Democrat, enough votes would somehow be produced to flip the result. 'There's always cheating, probably, in every election,' Mr. Masters said. 'The question is, what's the cheating capacity?''' [New York Times, <u>9/18/22</u>]

• Blake Masters Has Not Indicated Results. The Washington Post surveyed numerous candidates on whether they will accept the results of their contests. Blake Masters fell in the "No/Did Not Respond" category. [Washington Post, <u>9/18/22</u>]

#### Senator Mark Kelly Will Accept The

**Election Results.** The Washington Post surveyed numerous candidates on whether they will accept the results of their contests. Mark Kelly answered "Yes." [Washington Post, **9/18/22**]

Mark Kelly Trusts Arizona's Electoral Process. A spokesperson for Senator Kelly, Sarah Guggenheimer, told the New York Times that the Democratic candidate, "has total trust in Arizona's electoral process." [New York Times, 9/18/22]

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#### Blake Masters Is Casting Doubt On

The 2022 Election Results. "[D]uring the final stretch of his own 2022 race, Masters is starting to cast doubt on the outcome of this election-before the votes are even counted. At a campaign stop on Tuesday in a small town north of Phoenix, Masters was confronted with one voter's concern that he could win by a 'landslide' but that voting machines would 'flip the vote' in Kelly's favor, according to audio of the event obtained by The Daily Beast. 'Unfortunately, we still have the machines in this election,' Masters replied. [...] 'But say you beat Mark Kelly by 30,000 votes,' Masters said. To which his father responded: 'I'm worried they'll just find 40,000 for Mark Kelly." [The Daily Beast, 10/15/22]

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### Arizona Governor





#### Kari Lake Has Repeatedly Refused To Say Whether She Will Accept the Results of The Election. "Emulating

Donald Trump, the Republican candidate for governor of Arizona repeatedly refused to say Sunday whether she would honor the results of her election – if she lost. 'I'm going to win the election and accept that result,' Kari Lake said twice on CNN's "State of the Union." [USAToday, <u>10/16/22]</u>

Kari Lake: "I'm Not Losing." "Ms. Lake was asked in a radio interview this month whether she would concede a defeat to Katie Hobbs, her Democratic rival and Arizona's secretary of state. 'I'm not losing to Katie Hobbs,' Ms. Lake replied." [New York Times, <u>9/18/22</u>]

#### During the Primary Election, Kari Lake Indicated She Would Refuse to Concede.

At a July fundraising event, Kari Lake said she would "absolutely" demand a 100% hand count if there's the slightest hint that there's an impropriety, noting that "Trump never conceded his 2020 loss." [Axios, 7/12/22]

#### Secretary Katie Hobbs Will Accept The Election Results. <mark>The</mark>

Washington Post surveyed numerous candidates on whether they will accept the results of their contests. Katie Hobbs answered "Yes." [Washington Post, <u>9/18/22</u>]

 Katie Hobbs Will Accept The Election Results. A spokesperson for Sec. Hobbs, Sarah Robinson, told the New York Times that the Democratic candidate, "will accept the results of the election in November." [New York Times, 9/18/22]

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Kari Lake Cast Doubt On Arizona's
Electoral Process. During a March radio
interview, Lake declared: "I mean, if the
election's run like last one, where they
blocked people off, you can't get in to
observe, you can't get in to be a poll
watcher. They stopped counting in the
middle of the night. Then I think
everyone should pause and say, what the
hell just happened?" [99.9 KEZ, <u>3/19/22]</u>

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### **Arizona Secretary of State**





During the Primary Election, Mark Finchem Indicated He Will Not Concede.

At a July fundraising event, Mark Finchem said, "Ain't gonna be <u>no concession speech</u> <u>coming from this guy</u>. I'm going to demand a 100% hand count if there's the slightest hint that there's an impropriety. And I will urge the next governor to do the same." [Axios, **7/12/22**] Adrian Fontes Trusts Arizona's Electoral System. As a former county recorder and

election administrator, Fontes said he "unequivocally" trusts the state's election system. [Cronkite News, **10/12/22**]