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## Veteran Police Officer John Ellsworth Announces for Justice of Peace

Casa Grande, Ariz. - Sheriff's Office Lieutenant and longtime Casa Grande Police Officer John Ellsworth announced his intentions to run as a republican for Casa Grande Justice of the Peace.

Ellsworth served 20 years with Casa Grande Police Department, where he retired as a sergeant. Former Sheriff Roger Vanderpool recruited Ellsworth to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, where he served as a deputy and homicide detective before being promoted to corporal in charge of the Homicide Unit. Sheriff Chris Vasquez promoted John to sergeant where he served as a patrol supervisor and was later promoted to Patrol Lieutenant under Sheriff Paul Babeu. Lt. Ellsworth later would supervise all detectives in Persons Crimes, Property Crimes, Sex Crimes, Homicide Unit and Victim Services.

John Ellsworth said, "I've committed my entire life to serve and protect Casa Grande and Pinal County families. I will work hard to earn the continued trust of my family, friends and the community I serve. If I'm given this privilege to serve as JP, I will always be fair and thoughtful in my decision making."

Robert Huddleston, longtime Casa Grande Police Chief said, "John Ellsworth has demonstrated such high performance and professionalism throughout his law enforcement career. He'll make an excellent judge, with a proven track record of being fair minded and professional with everyone."

Joshua Wright, local small business owner, Iraq and Afghanistan combat veteran, and Purple Heart recipient said, "John Ellsworth is a military veteran, who proudly served our nation in the US Air Force. His discipline, commitment to duty and patriotism is unmatched. John has the right temperament to be a good judge for our community."

Marcia Romano, Victim Services Manager and Chaplain said, "John Ellsworth is one of the most caring and compassionate men I've had the pleasure to work with in caring for crime victims. John will be a wonderful Judge, who will ensure women and children are protected."

Ellsworth completed the Casa Grande Leadership Academy and is a member of the Signal Peak Toastmasters. Ellsworth is married to Theresa Ellsworth and they have three adult children and four grandchildren.

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