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Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Notification of Substituted Party Under Supreme Court Rule 35.3
in *Elder v. Griffith*, No. 25A127 and No. 25-_____

Dear Clerk of Court:

I represent the petitioners in the above-captioned case. Supreme Court Rule 35.3 states that “[w]hen a public officer who is a party to a proceeding in this Court in an official capacity dies, resigns, or otherwise ceases to hold office, the action does not abate and any successor in office is automatically substituted as a party,” and directs the parties in such an event to “notify the Clerk in writing of any such successions.”

I respectfully submit this letter to notify the Court of the retirement of Bill Elder. Mr. Elder was sued in his official capacity as the Sheriff of El Paso County, Colorado. After Sheriff Elder’s retirement, Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal was elected to replace Sheriff Elder. Sheriff Roybal should be substituted as a party in this case.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Tradition wins.