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House Republican Caucus Elects Steve Montenegro as Speaker-Elect of the Arizona House of Representatives *Michael Carbone Majority Leader-Elect, Julie Willoughby Majority Whip-Elect*

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona House Republicans are pleased to announce the election of Representative Steve Montenegro as the incoming Speaker of the House of Representatives for the upcoming 57th Legislature starting in January. Following the recent general election that expanded our Republican majority, Speaker-elect Montenegro is eager to take on this leadership role to advance the conservative, commonsense legislative priorities supported by Arizonans.

Montenegro has represented Legislative District 29 (West Valley, including Goodyear and Surprise) in the House since he returned to the Legislature in 2023. He was a member of the House from 2009 to 2017, serving as Majority Leader for the 52nd Legislature (2015-2016). He later served in the Arizona State Senate.

As a respected voice in the House, Speaker-elect Montenegro is committed to principled conservative leadership that reflects the values of Arizonan families, communities, and businesses. His approach will prioritize fiscal responsibility, safer communities, stronger families, and other policies that enhance the opportunities and quality of life for all Arizonans.

Montenegro, an American of Salvadoran descent, will be the first Hispanic to serve as Speaker of the Arizona House.

Statement from Speaker-elect Montenegro:

“I am deeply honored by the trust my colleagues have placed in me to serve as Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives. Together, we have a strong mandate from Arizonans to advance policies that uphold our principles, promote economic growth, and protect the freedoms and values that define our great state. This opportunity to lead is one I take with great respect for the role and with determination to address the challenges ahead. Our commitment to conservative principles will guide us as we work to secure a bright, prosperous future for every Arizonan.”

The House Republican Caucus also elected Representative Michael Carbone of Buckeye to serve as House Majority Leader and Representative Julie Willoughby of Chandler as House Majority Whip.

Majority Leader-elect Carbone has served Legislative District 25 in the Arizona House since 2023. Majority Whip-elect Willoughby has served Legislative District 13 in the House since 2023.

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