



Resolution
Seeking State Legislation to Ensure the Protection of Witnesses' Names in the Release of Public Records related to Criminal Investigations

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Current Law

- ***Arizona Revised Statute § 39-123.01* protects the personal identifying information of crime witnesses to include:**
 - date of birth;
 - social security number;
 - telephone number;
 - home address;
 - e-mail address; and
 - official state/government issued driver license or identification number.
- **The statute; however, does not reference the name of the witness itself.**



Proposed Solution

- Exhaust all reasonable efforts to amend *Arizona Revised Statute § 39-123.01* to include the names of all adult witnesses, ultimately barring them from being publicly disclosed in the release of public records.
- The Resolution this evening recognizes the Town of Queen Creek's top priority as the safety and well being of our residents and stresses the importance of the role of witnesses in aiding law enforcement and prosecutors in the pursuit of justice for victims of crime.



Proposed Motion

- Move to approve Resolution 1586-24 seeking state legislation to ensure the protection of witnesses' names in the release of public records related to criminal investigations.

