

The Trump Campaign Paid The Business Of Fringe Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem As He Worked To Undo Trump's Election Loss In The State

The Trump Campaign Paid Arizona State Rep. Mark Finchem Over \$6,000 After He Used His Power To Try And Undo Trump's Election Loss In That State, Holding A Hearing With Trump Lawyer Rudy Giuliani And Pushing For A Legislative Session To Overturn The Election.

The Trump Campaign Disclosed A \$6,037 Payment For "Recount: Legal Consulting" To A Business Registered To Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem On December 18, 2020.

Donald J. Trump For President, Inc. Disclosed A \$6,037.27 Payment For "Recount: Legal Consulting" To "MRK FINCHEM, PLLC," Located At 12849 N. Bloomington Loop, Oro Valley, Arizona 85755, On December 18, 2020. [[Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. Itemized Disbursements, Schedule B, Line #: 29](#), Federal Election Commission, accessed 02/01/21]

MRK FINCHEM, PLLC	12849 N BLOOMINGTON LOOP ORO VALLEY, Arizona 85755	12/18/2020	RECOUNT: LEGAL CONSULTING	6037.27
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Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem Has Reported His Address As 12849 N Bloomington Loop Oro Valley AZ 85755 In His Most Recent Financial Disclosure, Signed January 24, 2020. [[Financial Disclosure Statement for Mark Finchem](#), Arizona Secretary of State, 01/24/20]

Mark Finchem PLLC Is Currently Registered To Mark Finchem, Also Located At 12849 N Bloomington LP, Oro Valley, AZ 85755. [[Entity Information for Mark Finchem PLLC](#), Arizona Corporation Commission, accessed 02/01/21]

Mark Finchem Has Not Disclosed Mark Finchem PLLC On His Most Recent Financial Disclosure, Although It Was Originally Incorporated In 2008. [[Financial Disclosure Statement for Mark Finchem](#), Arizona Secretary of State, 01/24/20]

- Mark Finchem PLLC Was Incorporated On January 31, 2008. [[Entity Information for Mark Finchem PLLC](#), Arizona Corporation Commission, accessed 02/01/21]

Despite Allegedly Providing "Legal Consulting," Mark Finchem Is Not In The State Bar Of Arizona's Lawyer Database And His Official Biography Does Not Mention Any Legal Experience Or Credentials.

There Were No Lawyers With The Last Name "Finchem" In The State Bar Of Arizona's Public Database, As Of February 4, 2020. [[Search for Lawyer Last Name "Finchem"](#), State Bar Of Arizona, accessed 02/04/21]

- This Database Is Based On Information Provided By The State Bar Of Arizona. "The State Bar of Arizona, Public Service Center (PSC), provides access to independent attorneys and information

provided by those independent attorneys.” [[Search for Lawyer Last Name "Finchem"](#), State Bar Of Arizona, accessed 02/04/21]

Mark Finchem’s Official State Legislature Biography Does Not Mention Any Legal Credentials Or Experience. [["Mark Finchem,"](#) Arizona State Legislature, accessed 02/04/21]

November 30, 2020: Mark Finchem Held An Unofficial “Election Fraud Conspiracy Committee” Hearing With Trump Lawyer Rudy Giuliani.

November 30, 2020: Mark Finchem Held An Unofficial “Election Fraud Conspiracy Committee” Attended By Donald Trump’s Personal Lawyer Rudy Giuliani. “President Donald Trump announced on Twitter Sunday that Giuliani, his personal attorney, tested positive for the virus less than a week after holding an unofficial hearing at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix on Monday Nov. 30. Giuliani visited Arizona this past week as one stop on his traveling legal tour alleging there was widespread fraud in the election. Giuliani and fellow Trump attorney Jenna Ellis talked — unmasked — for roughly 11 hours in the hotel ballroom with several lawmakers. Rep. Mark Finchem, the leader of the election fraud conspiracy committee, along with Rep. Bret Roberts, Rep. David Cook, Rep. Leo Biasiucci, Sen. Sylvia Allen, Sen. David Gowan, Sen. Sonny Borrelli, Senator-elect Kelly Townsend and Senator-elect Nancy Barto were all part of the panel.” [Dillon Rosenblatt and Julia Shumway, [“Giuliani COVID-19 diagnosis closes Arizona Legislature,”](#) *Arizona Capitol Times*, 12/06/20]



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Finchem Had To Hold An Unofficial Hearing To Hear The Trump Legal Team’s Allegations Of Election Fraud After The Arizona House Speaker Denied Him A Formal Hearing. “Only thing is the legislature was not in session and House Speaker Rusty Bowers rebuffed his efforts to call a hearing of the House Federal Relations Committee, which Mr. Finchem chaired last year, to look at ways the 2020 election could have been tainted. Mr. Bowers said state law is clear that the electors are selected based on the certified voter count. So Mr. Finchem and others decided to conduct their own unofficial, away-from-the-Capitol hearing in late November to hear allegations from Mr. Trump’s legal team on how the election was rigged.” [Howard Fischer, [“Bill could allow legislature to overturn elections,”](#) *Daily Independent*, 01/30/18]

Finchem Said During The Hearing, “We Have An Election System That’s Been Hacked” And Afterwards Said He Would Urge A Special Legislative Session Intent On Overruling Arizona’s Popular Vote.

Following His Hearing, Finchem Said He Would Issue A Report Urging A Special Legislative Session Intent On “Overruling The Canvassed Popular Vote.” “Rep. Mark Finchem, R-Oro Valley, who chaired the GOP-only forum, said he is looking to give a report to legislative leaders in the next 24 hours urging them to call a special session with an eye on overruling the canvassed popular vote. He was not deterred by the fact the Arizona Constitution requires a two-thirds vote for lawmakers to call themselves back to the Capitol. Finchem said that is trumped by the obligation of lawmakers under the U.S. Constitution to decide if an election has not been properly conducted.” [Howard Fischer, “[Vote certified, GOP challenges continue](#),” *Arizona Capitol Times*, 12/01/20]

Finchem Said “We Have An Election System That’s Been Hacked” During A Break In His Hearing. “Not only do we have ballots that are improper but we have an election system that’s been hacked,” he said during a break in the hearing. And he said there is statistical evidence that the results could not be as reported.” [Howard Fischer, “[Vote certified, GOP challenges continue](#),” *Arizona Capitol Times*, 12/01/20]

Finchem Has Repeatedly Claimed That Arizona Legislators Have “Plenary Authority” To Determine Who Wins The State’s Electoral Votes. “Rep. Mark Finchem, R-Oro Valley, has repeatedly argued the U.S. Constitution gives Arizona lawmakers ‘plenary authority’ to determine who gets the state’s electoral votes.” [Howard Fischer, “[Bill could allow legislature to overturn elections](#),” *Daily Independent*, 01/30/18]

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In Arizona, A Public Servant Is Seen To Have Participated In Bribery If They “Accept Any Benefit Upon An Agreement Or Understanding That His... Action As A Public Servant Or Party Officer May Thereby Be Influenced.” Under Arizona law, “A person commits bribery of a public servant or party officer if with corrupt intent... While a public servant or party officer, such person solicits, accepts or agrees to accept any benefit upon an agreement or understanding that his vote, opinion, judgment, exercise of discretion or other action as a public servant or party officer may thereby be influenced.” [[Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-2602](#), accessed 02/04/21]

- **The Statute Also Notes That Lacking The Authority Or Jurisdiction To Accomplish The Act Is Not A Defense To Bribery Prosecution.** “It is no defense to a prosecution under this section that a person sought to be influenced was not qualified to act in the desired way because such person had not yet assumed office, lacked jurisdiction or for any other reason.” [[Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-2602](#), accessed 02/04/21]

The Payment From The Trump Campaign Was Equal To Roughly 25% Of Mark Finchem’s Annual Salary As A Legislator.

Arizona Legislatures Receive A Daily Per-Diem As Well As a \$24,000 Annual Salary. “House and Senate staff confirmed that while in-person meetings have been halted, legislators will continue collecting payments meant to help cover food, lodging and other expenses while the Legislature meets, The Arizona Republic

reported. The payments are in addition to the \$24,000 salaries legislators receive.” [[Associated Press](#), 04/12/20]

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Arizona Lawmakers Have Demanded A Federal Treason Investigation Into Mark Finchem And Others For Aiding And Possibly Planning The Capitol Riot.

Arizona Legislators Have Demanded A Federal Investigation Into Finchem And Others For “Potential Acts Of Sedition And Treason,” Alleging They Encouraged And Possibly Helped Plan The Capitol Riot.

January 12, 2021: Arizona Democrats Asked The U.S. Justice Department And FBI For An Investigation Into “Potential Acts Of Sedition And Treason By Arizona Republicans,” Claiming Finchem And Others Helped Plan The January 6, 2021 Capitol Riot. “Arizona Democrats sent a letter Tuesday to acting U.S. Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen and FBI Director Christopher Wray calling for an investigation into potential acts of sedition and treason by Arizona Republicans. Democrats say there is evidence Biggs, Gosar and state Reps. Mark Finchem and Anthony Kern ‘encouraged, facilitated, participated and possibly helped plan this anti-democratic insurrection on January 6.’” [Robert Anglen et al., “[‘Stop the Steal’ leader has deep ties with Arizona Republicans](#),” *The Arizona Republic*, 01/17/21]

The “Stop The Steal” Founder—One Of The Organizers Behind The Rally That Led To The Capitol Riot—Directly Credited Mark Finchem With Starting The Movement In Arizona.

“Stop The Steal” Founder And Organizer Ali Alexander: “Arizona Started With One Man, State Representative Mark Finchem.”

“Stop The Steal” Founder Ali Alexander Credited Finchem For His Movement’s Growth In Arizona, Claiming “Arizona Started With One Man, State Representative Mark Finchem.” “In the most recent videos to surface, Alexander lays out how ‘Stop the Steal’ swelled in Arizona, claiming support grew from a single state legislator from Oro Valley to many state Republican lawmakers. ‘Arizona started with one man, State Representative Mark Finchem,’ Alexander said. ‘And he’s become a great friend and a brother to me. And he will be running for higher office there in Arizona.’” [Robert Anglen et al., “[‘Stop the Steal’ leader has deep ties with Arizona Republicans](#),” *The Arizona Republic*, 01/17/21]

Ali Alexander Was Founder Of The “Stop The Steal” Movement And Was Behind The Rally That Led To The Capitol Riot. “Another far-right activist and leader of the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement, Ali Alexander, helped coordinate planning with Caroline Wren, a fundraising official who was paid by the Trump campaign for much of 2020 and who was tapped by Ms. Fancelli to organize and fund an event on her behalf, organizers said. On social media, Mr. Alexander had targeted Jan. 6 as a key date for supporters to gather in Washington to contest the 2020-election certification results.” [Shalini Ramachandran et al., “[Jan. 6 Rally Funded by Top Trump Donor, Helped by Alex Jones, Organizers Say](#),” *Wall Street Journal*, 02/01/21]

Mark Finchem Directly Promoted The Rally That Led To The Capitol Riot.

Finchem Previously Promoted The Rally That Led To The Capitol Riot—Showing The U.S. Capitol Its Destination—Claiming The Election Was Tainted By “An Ongoing Criminal Enterprise.”

January 3, 2021: Finchem Promoted The Rally That Led To The Capitol Riot, Writing “Our Republic Can’t Be Left To Die Because If [Sic] An Ongoing Criminal Enterprise.”:



Show your support for free & fair elections.
Our republic can't be left to die because if an ongoing criminal enterprise.



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[[Tweet by Mark Finchem via Archive.org](#), 01/03/21, accessed 02/01/21]

Finchem Was Present At The Capitol Riot, Tweeting A Photo From Within The Mob And Saying It Was What Happens When “Congress Refuses To Acknowledge Rampant Fraud. #StopTheSteal”

Finchem Tweeted A Photo From The Capitol Riot, Saying It Was What Happens “Congress Refuses To Acknowledge Rampant Fraud. #StopTheSteal”

Mark Finchem Tweeted A Photo From The Crowd In The Front Of The U.S. Capitol Building And Said, “What Happens When The People Feel They Have Been Ignored, And Congress Refuses To Acknowledge Rampant Fraud. #StopTheSteal”:



Mark Finchem
@MarkFinchem

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What happens when the People feel they have been ignored, and Congress refuses to acknowledge rampant fraud. #stopthesteal



12:16 PM - 6 Jan 2021 from Washington, DC

[[Tweet by Mark Finchem via Archive.org](#), 01/06/21, accessed 02/01/21]

Even After The Capitol Riot, Mark Finchem Claimed Congress Certified The Election Due To “Deep-State Denial” And Falsely Blamed Antifa For The Violence.

Following The Riot, Finchem’s Newsletter Claimed Congress Certified The Election Amid “Deep-State Denial” Of Election Fraud As He Falsely Blamed Antifa For The Capitol Riot’s Violence.

January 10, 2021: Following The Capitol Riot, Finchem’s Newsletter Claimed That The Election Was Certified Amid “Deep-State Denial” Of Election Fraud. “Even after clear and convincing evidence was delivered to Congress, the deep-state denial became even more evident. VP Make Pence revealed his commitment to the establishment, and in doing so may well have ended our republic as we have known it.” [[“The Frontline Legislative Journal,”](#) State Rep. Mark Finchem via MailChimp, 01/10/21]

Finchem Falsely Blamed The Capitol Riot’s Violence On “A Handful Of Individuals, Who Have Been Identified As ANTIFA Infiltrators.” “And what about the claims that the crowd was a mob? Were they loud? Yes. Were they hostile? No. Did they attack the police? No, in fact I heard many properties say ‘thank you,’ and ‘bless you’ as they walked by officers. Were they destructive? It has been reported that, ‘a handful of individuals, who have been identified as ANTIFA infiltrators --identified by facial recognition-- did in fact breach the entryway of the premises and cause damage. But, there were many in the throng who were trying to stop them shouting, ‘that’s not who we are.’” [[“The Frontline Legislative Journal,”](#) State Rep. Mark Finchem via MailChimp, 01/10/21]

- **HEADLINE: Fact Check: Men Who Stormed Capitol Identified By Reuters Are Not Undercover Antifa As Posts Claim.** [[Reuters](#), 01/09/21]

Mark Finchem Has Been A Member Of The Oath Keepers, One Of The Violent Extremist Groups Behind The Capitol Riot.

Finchem Has Been A Member Of The Oath Keepers, An Violent And Extremist Anti-Government Group That Was Tied To The Capitol Riot.

Finchem Has Been A Member Of The Oath Keepers, “A Radical Anti-Government Group Awash In Conspiracy Theories And Dreams Of Violent Revolution.” “Fellow state Rep. Mark Finchem is a member of the Oath Keepers, a radical anti-government group awash in conspiracy theories and dreams of violent revolution. The group’s founder, Elmer Stewart Rhodes, mused in May 2015 about the prospect of convicting then-Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) of treason and hanging him.” [Daniel Marans, “[GOP State Lawmakers Pal Around With White Supremacists. Party Group Backs Them Anyway.](#),” *Huffington Post*, 10/22/18]

Oath Keepers And Other Extremist Groups Were Involved With The Capitol Riot And Were Expected To Engage In Further Actions To Disrupt President Biden’s Inauguration. “Even as dozens of rioters have been arrested, chat rooms and messaging apps where the far right congregates are filled with celebrations and plans. An ideological jumble of hate groups and far-right agitators — the Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, the Boogaloo movement and neo-Nazis among them — are now discussing how to expand their rosters and whether to take to the streets again this weekend and next week to oppose the inauguration of Joseph R. Biden Jr.” [Neil MacFarquhar et al., “[Capitol Attack Could Fuel Extremist Recruitment For Years, Experts Warn](#),” *The New York Times*, 01/16/21]