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To: Pima County Board of Supervisors

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Re: Establishment of polling places for March 22, 2016 PPE

On January 19, 2016 the Pima County Board of Supervisors will review and take possible action relating to the establishment of polling places for the March 22, 2016 Presidential Preference Election (PPE). Per statute Pima County is to determine the number of polling places by using no more than one-half of the number of general election precincts (248). However, the statute does not apply to land located on an Indian Reservation. Additionally, any precinct with less than 300 eligible voters may have the election conducted entirely by mail ballot (like the City of Tucson conducts their all mail ballot elections).

The PPE is not open to all voters. Only voters affiliated with the Democratic, Republican and Green parties may participate in this election.

Given that approximately 65% of our voters are on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) and will not be coming to the polls to vote and that 33% of our voters will not be eligible to vote in this election because they are not affiliated as a Democrat, Republican or Green; we have proposed the establishment of 114 polling places and 61 All Mail Ballot precincts for the 2016 PPE. A sample ballot will be mailed to each voter household in advance of Election Day to inform voters of the location of their polling place. Voters from the All Mail Ballot precincts will receive a notice with their mail ballot packet that informs them of the absence of a polling place.

The polling places are grouped by Congressional District (CD1, CD2, and CD3) for all Arizona counties are required by statute to tabulate and report election results by Congressional District.