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Sent:

Monday, June 19, 2023 11:55 AM

To:

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Subject:

July 20, 2023 Board of Supervisors Agenda Item 57: Award Award: Master Agreement No. MA-PO-23-191, Runbeck Election Services, Inc. (Headquarters: Phoenix, AZ), to

provide for mail ballot scanning and sorting solution.

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Chair Grijalva and members of the Board of Supervisors

I'm Thomas Berezny, the Pima County Republican Party appointee to the Pima County Elections Committee (EIC). I ambalaiso a part-time Pima County employee. My comments are my own and not a reflection of the EIC, my position as a Pima county employee, nor do they constitute a recommendation from the entire EIC.

As posted on the Pima County website, the mission of the EIC is: To provide independent oversight of the County election process and to review and make recommendations to the Board regarding election information technology systems as well as technical and procedural matters. In the EIC by-laws, the Function and Purpose of the EIC is: The Pima County Election Integrity Commission is chartered as an advisory group, reporting to the Pima County Board of Supervisors. The purpose is to help improve the conduct of elections by examining the systems and processes behind them in order to improve functioning of and public trust in the Pima County electoral process. In May 2023, the EIC adopted the following definition for "electoral process": The electoral process is the structed set of activities, to include roles, responsibilities, tools and management, policies, activities, and work instructions, as defined by Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) Title 16 for the conduct of elections in Pima County. Major activities of the electoral process, include, but are not limited to those included in Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 7 of the ARS Title 16.

With this said, the EIC has not had the opportunity to properly review and make recommendations on the technology in this contract. The public posting of today's BOS agenda was made on Wednesday, June 14. This did not give ample time to have it added to the June 16 EIC agenda since the EIC agenda had already been posted and to be in compliance to Open Meeting Laws, we could not add it to last Friday's agenda. Looking at the details contained in the background material for this agenda item, electronic signatures from Procurement and the Recorder's office were made on May 22, 2023. This would have given ample time for the Recorder's office to have this placed on the EIC agenda for last Friday for proper vetting and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors; but unfortunately, it was not.

The EIC will discuss this procurement at our next scheduled meeting on July 21, 2023. My recommendation to the Board of Supervisors is to have this tabled until the first Board of Supervisors meeting in August 2023. This will give ample time for the EIC to perform its chartered responsibilities and provide the Board of Supervisors as its advisory group with a proper review and recommendation on this procurement regarding elections in Pima County.

Regards

Thomas Berezny

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## AGENDA WATERIAL DATE 6/20/23 ITEM NO. PAST

From:

Monday, June 19, 2023 12:01 PM Sent:

Adelita Grijalva; Matt Heinz; Sharon Bronson; Rex Scott; Steve Christy; COB\_mail To:

Laura Conover;

Subject:

6/20/2023 Pima co agenda - Runbeck's illegal contract

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Please add my comment into official record for 6/20/2023 agenda #57 Runbeck award.

Greetings,

We the People are paying for the recorder and election directors service in form of taxes. They in turn are supposed to follow the law and perform their major job duties to the best of their abilities, per their oath of office. I say, the People are being charged twice for the same service, namely

- 1. signature verification and
- 2. voter roll maintenance.

That is part of the election director's and recorders major job duties! Why are you illegally outsourcing a delegated major job to a 3rd party vendor like Runbeck and ERIC?

They are not elected nor have any sworn loyalty to the voters. We the People did not give our consent. Nor have we been given a chance for public comment on this flawed and costly decision.

Also, the State and County have paid for the new licenses for AVID program for all counties to maintain and verify voter rolls. By illegally outsourcing this, you are charging us double:

- 1. the salaries for those job duties, and
- 2. a huge "award" for these unaccountable, private vendors.

They could well be risks of potential election interferences. They pose a major security risks. There was no apparent oversight for Runbeck, who had major chain of custody issues, automated signature verification prone to overwrite by computer, and unobserved duplication of ballots, inserting of ballots by employees per eyewitnesses, no apparent testing for logic and accuracy with bi-partisan oversight.

Note, if you and your staff cannot do this job as described in your personnel records, maybe we need to replace them with people that can do the job.

You do not have my permission to outsource signature verification and voter roll maintenance. If you use Runbeck and ERIC, you are violating State and federal laws.



Thank you.

Gisela Aaron Pima County

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June 20 Board of Supervisors Meeting



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Please add the following to the agenda discussion at the June 20 Board of Supervisors Meeting

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS under Procurement there is Item 57, a request for an initial term of one (1) year in the award amount of \$339,000.00 (including sales tax), and includes three (3) one-year renewal options in the annual award amount of \$41,000.00 (including sales tax). Funding Source: General Fund. Administering Department: Recorders.

Prior to approval of this item all outstanding issues from previous elections should be resolved, tabulation effects and physical locations identified, and processes described. Additionally we need to be sure equipment and software will work this time around. Until we can be assured that previous issues are resolved no contract should be signed. Additionally the "early ballot" issue has not been sufficiently researched and resolved. Until citizens know that proper identification is necessary to vote, there can be no assurance that an individual vote will be properly identified and/or counted

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# DATE 6/20/23 ITEM NO. RAST

#### Katrina Martinez

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I am Sharon Fickes, legal resident of Pima County Contact My comment for the 6-20-23 Supervisor meeting is below:

Item #57 Runbeck Election Services, Inc. (MA-PO-23-191) \$339,000/FOUR 1-year renewal options \$41,000 GENERAL FUND request by Elections' Department.

Runbeck is one of the questionable items during the 2020 election. Why consider a master agreement when outstanding issues with Runbeck are not resolved? The after action reports from the Pima County Elections and/or Pima County Recorder do not explain how the observation or custody issues are resolved from 2020. Pima County Elections and/or Recorders Department did not allow or provide for observers for any observation at Runbeck in 2020 Now is the time to put these requirements in their contract. Under this contract, Runbeck works for Pima County. Pima County should demand 24/7 observers for all the tabulation efforts described in the MA and all Runbeck physical locations involved. Equipment and software certification. Complete chain-of-custody from pick up, delivery, processing, completing at any/all Runbeck facilities involved in providing these services. Runbeck Election Services must provide a list of all Full time, part time employees, subcontractors, interns and volunteers: full names and photo identification involved in the services under this contract. IF this service is being provided on Pima County property than Observers are still required for security of the services and guarantee chain-of-custody has been enforced 24/7. Otherwise another option: VOTE NO

God Bless America Sharon Fickes

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