

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 2/21/2023

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*Title:

Recommendation of the appointment of the Election Integrity Commission Chair to serve on Governor Hobbs Elections Task Force

*Introduction/Background:

On July 1, 2008, the Board of Supervisors established the Election Integrity Commission for the purpose of providing independent oversight of the county elections process. Nine members are appointed; one for each of five County Supervisors, one for the County Administrator, and one for each of three political parties recognized in Pima County. The Commission currently serves as the only Commission of its kind across the State of Arizona.

*Discussion:

Governor Katie Hobbs is creating a Bipartisan Elections Task Force. Serving members on the panel will be chosen by Governor Hobbs, to include Elections personnel from varying Arizona counties. The Election Integrity Commission would like the Board of Supervisors to make a request to Governor Hobbs to include Commission Chair, Brian Bickel, as part of the Bipartisan task force. With almost fifteen years of work and experience from evaluating elections, the Commission believes having Commission Chair Bickel serve on the task force would bring vital information and insight.

*Conclusion:

The Board of Supervisors is being requested to make a formal recommendation to Governor Hobbs on behalf of the Election Integrity Commission.

*Recommendation:

The Elections Integrity Commission recommends the appointment of Commission Chair, Brian Bickel, to serve on the Bipartisan Elections Task Force administered by Governor Katie Hobbs.

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*Fiscal Impact:			
None.			
*Board of Supervisor District:			
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January 26, 2023

To:

Supervisor Adelita Grijalva, District 5, Chair Supervisor Rex Scott, District 1 Supervisor Matt Heinz, District 2 Supervisor Sharon Bronson, District 3 Supervisor Steve Christy, District 4

From: Brian Bickel, Chair, Pima County Election Integrity Commission

At the Friday January 20, 2023 meeting of the Pima County Election Integrity Commission, it was moved, seconded and passed by a unanimous vote of those members present and voting, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they request the Governor appoint the Chair of the Pima County EIC as an ex officio member of the Governor's Bipartisan Elections Task Force.

Since its inception in 2008, the Commission has done work evaluating election equipment, security plans and procedures, meeting with the Secretary of State and providing input to the State Director of Elections on the election procedures manual. As the only Commission of its kind in the State it can provide vital information to the task force.

The Commission continues to play an integral role in Pima County's elections being as secure, free and fair as possible and would be a valuable resource to the task force. Pima County has been a leader in election integrity for almost fifteen years and this provides an opportunity to share what has been learned with the rest of the State.

ec: Constance Hargrove, Pima County Elections Director Gabriella Cazares-Kelly, Pima County Recorder