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Pima County Board of Supervisors

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
From: Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2
Date: December 15, 2023
RE: BOS Agenda 12/19/23 Item #7: Board of Supervisors, District 3

DEC 15 23 AM 11:59 PM CLK OF BD
AMW

Please attach this memo to the item regarding appointment to fill the vacancy in District 3. Thank you.

Discussion/Direction/Action: Proposing that we conduct this appointment through a version of **Ranked Choice Voting**, in the spirit of doing the best we can to honor both the will of the four sitting supervisors and the diversity of experience and qualifications of all eight candidates.

I propose that we use an anonymous ballot, like the example provided on the following page, that would allow each member of the Board of Supervisors to select their top five choices, in ranked order, of candidates to fill the vacancy. Such a system would allow individual Board Members to vote for their top five choices, their top one choice only, or anything in between, at the full discretion of each member. To assess the will of the Board as a body, we could use a simple "points" system, as follows:

- 1st Choice 5 points
- 2nd Choice 4 points
- 3rd Choice 3 points
- 4th Choice 2 points
- 5th Choice 1 point

The anonymous ballots, once cast, would be submitted to the County Administrator and Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, for official tallying.

Whichever candidate receives the most combined points, based on the votes of the four sitting members of the Board of Supervisors, would thus be appointed to serve out the remainder of the term in District 3.

In the case of a tie for most points received, there would be a subsequent vote of the full Board of Supervisors, including the participation of the Clerk of the Board as per state statute, to arrive at the final appointment from amongst the two or more candidates who tied for most points received on the initial ballot.

Example ballot follows.

CC:
Jan Leshner, County Administrator
Sam Brown, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney

DISTRICT 3 SUPERVISOR
Pima County Board of Supervisors
EXAMPLE BALLOT

RANKING	Please Circle Your Candidate of Choice <i>NOTE: You may indicate as few or as many choices as you wish, from 1st choice through 5th choice. If you decide to leave any ranked choice blank, please cross out the corresponding row(s).</i>
First Choice (5 points)	Brian Johnson / Kristen Randall / Joe L. Machado / April Hiosik Ignacio / Matthew A. Kopec / Jennifer Allen / Edgar F. Soto / Sylvia M. Lee
Second Choice (4 points)	Brian Johnson / Kristen Randall / Joe L. Machado / April Hiosik Ignacio / Matthew A. Kopec / Jennifer Allen / Edgar F. Soto / Sylvia M. Lee
Third Choice (3 points)	Brian Johnson / Kristen Randall / Joe L. Machado / April Hiosik Ignacio / Matthew A. Kopec / Jennifer Allen / Edgar F. Soto / Sylvia M. Lee
Fourth Choice (2 points)	Brian Johnson / Kristen Randall / Joe L. Machado / April Hiosik Ignacio / Matthew A. Kopec / Jennifer Allen / Edgar F. Soto / Sylvia M. Lee
Fifth Choice (1 point)	Brian Johnson / Kristen Randall / Joe L. Machado / April Hiosik Ignacio / Matthew A. Kopec / Jennifer Allen / Edgar F. Soto / Sylvia M. Lee