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Good Morning Supervisors and County Managers,

We wanted to give you an elections update on some of the races we've been watching last night and this morning. Obviously, given the fluid nature of election returns, these results are subject to changes, as the Secretary of State has not yet canvassed the results.

Supervisor Races

Congratulations to Mohave County Supervisor **Jean Bishop** and Maricopa County Supervisor **Clint Hickman** on their re-elections to their respective boards and to our newest Supervisor **Steve Gallardo** for his election to the Maricopa County Board. Apache County Supervisor **Joe Shirley** is standing for election to the Presidency of the Navajo Nation, and that vote will take place at some point in the future, due to an order for its postponement by the Navajo Nation's Supreme Court.

County Initiatives

- **Question 403 (Road Maintenance Sales Tax Ballot Measure)** passed in **Coconino County** with almost 64 percent of the vote. The measure authorizes a county sales tax of three-tenths of a cent for a period of 20 years, beginning January 1, 2015, for maintaining and preserving conditions of Coconino County-maintained roads. To read the proposition language, or for more information, please click here.
- **Proposition 404 (1/2 cent Transportation Excise Tax Re-Authorization)** passed in **Gila County** with just over 57 percent of the vote. The measure continues the half-cent sales tax for Gila County for a period of 20 years for transportation needs. To read the proposition language or for more information, please click here.
- **The Graham County Jail District Excise Tax** appears to be on the verge of adoption with just over 50 percent of the vote. The measure levies a half-cent excise tax for twenty-five years to be used only in acquiring, constructing, operating, maintaining and financing of county jail facilities and the county jail system. To read the proposition language, or for more information, please click here.
- **Yavapai County Jail District** failed to pass with just under 48 percent of the vote. The measure would have increased and extended the existing excise tax from 1/4 cent to half-cent for a period of 20 years. To read the proposition language, or for more information, please click here.

Statewide Offices:

- **Doug Ducey** – Governor
- **Michele Reagan** – Secretary of State
- **Jeff DeWit** – Treasurer
- **Diane Douglas** - Secretary of Education

- **Joe Hart** – Mine Inspector

Legislative Races

Among the legislative races we were watching:

- In a party switch, Republican **John Christopher Ackerly** appears to have edged out incumbent **Damion Clinco** as Representative in LD 2. His seatmate is Democrat **Rossana Gabaldon**, who won re-election to her seat.
- Republican **Richard Hopkins** appears to have won the open House seat in LD 4 beating out **Charlene Fernandez**. Representative **Lisa Otondo** was re-elected to her House seat.
- Former Supervisor **Sylvia Allen** has been elected State Senator in LD 6, defeating a challenge by Independent **Tom O'Halleran**.
- In LD 9, only 67 votes separate Republican Representative **Ethan Orr** and Democrat **Randy Friese**, with reportedly over 4000 votes still to be counted. Representative **Victoria Steele** was re-elected.
- Representative **Dr. Eric Meyer** was re-elected in LD 28 after an unsuccessful effort to unseat him by **Shawna Bolick**. Representative **Kate Brophy McGee** was easily re-elected as well.
- And finally, in two competitive districts, Democratic Senators **Barbara McGuire** (LD 8) and **David Bradley** (LD 10) appear to have won re-election to their seats.

Our best estimates indicate a 17 – 13 split in the Senate. While organizational meetings are taking place today and tomorrow, we anticipate the President **Biggs** will retain the Presidency, Senator **Yarbrough** will most likely become Majority Leader and the Majority Whip position will be between Senators **Driggs** and **Griffin**. Senator **Pancrazi** is the only returning Senator in leadership for her caucus. Likely contenders for the remaining leadership positions include Senators **Farley** and **Hobbs**.

On the House side, the split is still being determined, but will likely be in the neighborhood of 37 – 39 Republicans and 21 – 23 Democrats. The current split is 36 – 24. In all likelihood, Representative **Gowan** will become the next Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives and Representative **Montenegro** will be the Majority Leader. The House Majority Whip position is between Representatives **Livingston** and **Fann**. House Democrats appear to be headed to electing Representative **Meyer** as their Minority Leader and Representative **Wheeler** as their Assistant Minority Leader. Representatives being mentioned for Whip include **Cardenas**, **Mach**, **Larkin**, **Sherwood** and **Rios**.

Statewide Initiatives

Proposition 122, which provides that Arizona and its counties, cities, towns and other political subdivisions of the state are prohibited from using any personnel or financial resources to enforce, administer or cooperate with a federal action or program, appears to be successful.

Proposition 303, the "Right To Try Act", which allows a terminally ill patient, with the recommendation of the patient's physician and a determination by the patient's physician that no comparable or satisfactory United States Food and Drug Administration approved treatment options are available, access to medications or treatments made available by a manufacturer that have not completed the full United States Food and Drug Administration approval process, has passed with over 78 percent of the vote.

Proposition 304, was a recommendation by the "Commission on Salaries for Elective State Officers," which would have raised legislative salaries to \$35,000 annually. The measure failed to pass with over 68 percent of the voters in opposition.

Congressional Races

The closest congressional race in the state remains open, with some ballots yet to be counted.

- In CD 1 challenger **Andy Tobin** reportedly just conceded to Representative **Ann Kirkpatrick**.
- Only 36 votes separate Republican Challenger **Martha McSalley** and Representative **Ron Barber**, in CD 2.

Congratulations to the remainder of the Arizona delegation who all won re-election.

For the most updated statewide elections results, please [click here](#).

For county specific election results, please click on the county links below:

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Watch for further updates and please let us know if you all have further questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Best,

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