



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: June 19, 2018

Title: Cancellation of Uncontested Precinct Committeeman Races

Introduction/Background:

Precinct committeemen are elected at the primary election during each even-numbered year. In the event that the number of people who file nominating paperwork for the office of precinct committeeman is less than or equal to the number of positions to be elected, the Board of Supervisors may cancel the election for those positions and appoint the individuals who have filed nominating paperwork.

Discussion:

The Board is being asked to cancel all uncontested precinct committeeman races for the August 28, 2018 Primary Election, and to appoint the individuals who have filed nomination petitions or write-in nomination papers. In the past, the majority of precinct committeemen races have been uncontested in Pima County. If the uncontested races are not canceled, a separate ballot style will have to be produced for each of the four recognized political parties in each precinct, resulting in approximately 900 additional ballot styles. This would increase both the cost and the complexity of conducting the election.

The filing deadline for precinct committeeman write-in nomination papers is June 13. The list of individuals who are running for uncontested precinct committeeman positions will be sent to the Clerk of the Board on June 14.

Conclusion:

By canceling the uncontested precinct committeeman races and appointing the individuals who have filed, the Board will reduce the cost and complexity of the election.

Recommendation:

Recommend the cancellation of uncontested precinct committeeman races for the August 28, 2018 Primary Election and the appointment of those who have filed nomination petitions or write-in nomination papers.

Fiscal Impact:

By canceling the uncontested races, the County will not incur the expense of printing double the amount of partisan ballots.

Board of Supervisor District:

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