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February 14, 2022

Pima County Board of Supervisors
33 N Stone Ave., 11th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Via Email to COB_mail@pima.gov

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Pima County Democratic Party (PCDP) regarding vote centers and electronic poll books. At the PCDP Executive Committee meeting on February 7, 2022, we passed a motion to support the adoption of vote centers and electronic poll books to be discussed at your February 15, 2022 meeting.

The PCDP Platform supports access to, and participation in our democracy, of which easy access to voting is essential. The proposed vote centers and electronic poll books ensure that everyone in Pima County can easily cast a ballot, thus participating in democracy.

Eleven of the 15 counties in Arizona already have vote centers. Rural areas in Pima County already use vote centers. By implementing this proposal, the entire county will be able to drop off a ballot or vote in person regardless of where their precinct is located. With this technology in place, election security and efficiency will be increased, provisional ballots will be eliminated, ballots will be counted faster, and voters will have increased access to voting.

However, time is of the essence for the 2022 election. In order to have a smooth transition from precinct location voting to vote centers, sufficient equipment and back-up plans, training of staff to handle problems, and a robust public information campaign, your approval at the February 15 meeting is essential.

In cooperation with the Recorder's Office and Pima County Elections Department, the Pima County Democratic Party is ready to help promote the vote centers through our social media outlets and our outreach to voters.

Sincerely,

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