



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Requested Board Meeting Date: 11/12/2013

ITEM SUMMARY, JUSTIFICATION &/or SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Approval of the proposed precinct consolidation as authorized under Arizona Revised Statutes Title 16. The consolidation of precincts will go into effect for 2014-15 elections.

A review of the number of voters who cast a ballot at the polls during the 2012 general election revealed that a small number of precincts had very few voters visit the polls to cast a ballot. The Pima County Election Department found that many of these low turnout precincts were adjacent to other low turnout precincts.

The Pima County Election Department is asking the Board of Supervisors to consider consolidating these adjacent low turnout precincts for the 2014-15 election cycle in an effort to improve election administration efficiency. However, the need to keep the number of precincts convenient for voters was paramount in our consolidation plan.

In an effort to vet the proposed changes prior to the Board's consideration the Pima County Election Department reached out to the major political parties, Chicanos Por La Causa and the Pima County Election Integrity Committee.

None of the entities noted above expressed objections to the proposed consolidation.

Upon approval of this precinct consolidation, the number of precincts will be reduced from 288 to 244. Per Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) §16-411A the Board of Supervisors shall establish a convenient number of election precincts in the county and define the boundaries of the precincts each year preceding the year of a general election.

CONTRACT NUMBER (If applicable):

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S):

Staff recommends approval.

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS: _____

CLERK OF BOARD USE ONLY: BOS MTG. _____

ITEM NO. _____

PIMA COUNTY COST: 0 **and/or REVENUE TO PIMA COUNTY:\$** 0

FUNDING SOURCE(S): General
(i.e. General Fund, State Grant Fund, Federal Fund, Stadium D. Fund, etc.)

Advertised Public Hearing:

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Board of Supervisors District:

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IMPACT:

IF APPROVED:

Precincts would be reduced to 244 for the 2014-15 election cycle.

IF DENIED:

The number of precincts would remain the same as 2012: 288 precincts

DEPARTMENT NAME:

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