



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 24, 2022

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **May 19, 2022 Memorandum from the Elections Director Regarding May 17, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting Follow up**

The attached memorandum from Elections Director Constance Hargrove provides follow up information to constituent comments and Board member requests from the May 17, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

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Attachment

- c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
- Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services
- Constance Hargrove, Director, Elections Department

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Date: May 19, 2022

TO: Jan Lesher
County Administrator

FROM: Constance Hargrove
Elections Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Constance Hargrove", is written over the printed name of the Elections Director.

RE: May 17 Board of Supervisor Meeting Follow-up

Public Comment Period:

- A Citizen expressed concern about internal fraud, specifically the removal of drop boxes.
 - Drop boxes are the domain of the Recorder's office.
- A Citizen expressed concern about optical scan voting machines in central count locations and precincts.
 - Pima County does not use optical scan voting machines in vote centers. All ballots are scanned and counted in a central counting room in the Elections office.
- Dru Heaton asked why the Libertarian Party is not included at voting sites.
 - The Arizona Revised Statutes Title 16 provides specific authorization for political parties, candidates, and citizens. I spoke with a Secretary of State's office representative who clarified that they "interpret Arizona law as allowing any recognized party that appears on the ballot to participate in the observation process at polling locations and central count." §16-590 gives each political party authority to appoint a challenger to each polling place with a candidate on the ballot. A polling place translates to a vote center in Pima County.
 - Based on the Secretary of State's interpretation, the Libertarian Party enjoys all the rights as any other recognized party in the State as long as they have a candidate on the ballot.

Board Member Requests:

- Supervisor Christy requests clarification of Precinct Committeeman deadlines.

- The Arizona Revised Statutes sets the earliest date to cancel an election at 105 days. However, the Statutes do not indicate a cutoff date to cancel an election for Precinct Committeeman. The Board of Supervisors will receive a request to cancel and appoint Precinct Committeeman at the next meeting. They will not receive any more requests to cancel elections for the August Primary after the meeting on June 7.
- I am proposing setting a cutoff date for future elections. The cutoff date will correspond with the deadline to submit ballot proofs to the vendor. I will provide the deadline to County Administration for the next election cycle.
- Vote Center Implementation
 - I will work with the Clerk's office and ITD to set up the room and equipment for the demonstration. I will also present any action items discussed in the EIC meeting on May 20.