

# MEMORANDUM

Date: November 2, 2022

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

From: Jan Lesker

**ADDENDUM MATERIAL** 

ITEM NO ADD 8

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County Administrator

### Re: Additional Information for the Board of Supervisors November 1, 2022 Meeting – Addendum Item No. 8 – General Election Update

Elections Director Constance Hargrove was unable to respond to questions posed by Supervisor Christy during yesterday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Answers to his questions are provided in the attached memorandum.

In addition, Supervisor Christy asked about the number of early ballots that have been received. Currently, the Elections Department has received 151,629 ballots from the Country Recorder, of which 125,232 have been counted.

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Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator Constance Hargrove, Director, Elections Department



## **ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

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Date: November 1, 2022

TO: Jan Lesher County Administrator FROM: Constance Hargroved Elections Director

### RE: November 1, 2022, Addendum Agenda Item 8 - General Election Update

Ms. Lesher,

I was not available to respond to questions posed by Supervisor Chirsty at the Board meeting today. Therefore, I am responding to those questions in writing.

- In response to the vote center update, he asked if all poll worker positions should be filled by now. Pollworker recruitment and assignment are ongoing through Election Day. The numbers fluctuate as people decide not to serve for numerous reasons. Individuals may sign up to work but have a family emergency before the election. Others may get sick or have a change in their work schedule. It is not unusual to have someone not show up on election day. We try to decrease the likelihood of someone not showing up on election day by assigning them to work close to where they live. Therefore, we are continuously filling positions even on election day.
- Supervisor Christy also asked the Elections Director to provide a notice to vote centers ensuring individuals of political balance. I will provide a notice stating that each vote center meets the minimum requirements in A.R.S. §16-531. Due to the fluctuating nature of poll workers, it is difficult to say that a vote center makeup will not change by election day. Therefore, a statement I make today may not be true on election day if someone does not show up to work. We will always do our best to find a replacement representing the same party, but that is not always guaranteed. We may utilize individuals of other political parties to maintain balance in the vote center only if absolutely necessary.
- We do not have any hardware or equipment supply issues. All equipment and supplies are packed and ready to ship to vote centers. We also have extra ballot stock to deploy to vote centers on election day.



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#### November 1, 2022

I, Constance L. Hargrove, certify that as of November 1, 2022, each vote center has an election board representing different political parties, as required by A.R.S. § 16-531 (A) (B). Each board has a minimum of one inspector, two judges, and one marshal divided equally between the two major political parties. However, vote centers 13, 23, 43, 44, 77, and 92 have one inspector and two judges. The two judges represent different political parties.

We will do our best to fill any last-minute replacements with board members of the same party. However, it may be necessary to fill the position with an unaffiliated board member or a member of another party to maintain an equitable distribution in the vote center. The 2019 Elections Procedures Manual allows other party representation if necessary to ensure a sufficient number of pollworkers in a voting location.

Please direct any questions to the Elections Department at (520) 724-6830.

Constance L. Hargrove

**Elections Director**