

AGENDA MATERIAL

DATE 9-20-22 ITEM NO. BA 19



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 16, 2022

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

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **Vote Center Changes for the 2022 General Election**

Attached is a memorandum from Elections Director Hargrove explaining the need to change three Vote Center locations for the upcoming 2022 General Election.

The three changes are due to the facilities. Two of the necessary location changes, Vote Center 76 – Pima County Fairgrounds and Vote Center 105 Church of Latter Day Saints, are due to the facilities no longer being available. The third change, Vote Center 48 – Hilton East, is due to the facility and the County not reaching contractual consensus on accommodating pollworkers. As additional information, the Vote Center location change to the Murphy Wilmot Library, including moving Elections training classes to the library, will bring a cost savings of \$12,400.

Attachment

c: Elections Integrity Commission Members
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Constance Hargrove, Director, Pima County Elections
Diana Durazo, Senior Advisor, Pima County Administrator's Office

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Date: September 16, 2022

TO: Jan Leshar
County Administrator

FROM: Constance Hargrove
Elections Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CH", is written over the name "Constance Hargrove".

RE: Vote Center Changes for the General Election

The Elections Department proposes changes to three vote centers for the November General Election. Changes to vote centers 76 and 105 were initiated by the facility. The third change is necessary due to contractual problems with the hotel.

Vote Center 48 – Hilton East is unwilling to accommodate pollworkers bringing in food and drink on election day. The hotel did not notify Elections of the requirement during contract negotiations. The sales representative notified the inspector of the vote center the Monday before the election. The hotel never notified the Election office about the change. Numerous personnel from the office called the hotel to make arrangements for the pollworkers. The salesperson refused to speak with the staff Monday night. The situation was very stressful for the pollworkers knowing they had to work roughly 16 hours without food unless they purchased the food from the hotel. I called Ms. Leshar on Monday night to inform her that I may need to purchase food for the pollworkers. We pay the hotel \$2,062 to lease space for election day. I found a library close to the hotel that would accommodate pollworker training, and they were also excited about being a vote center on election day. The move to the library will save the County a total of \$12,411.85 per election.

Vote Center 76 – Pima County Fairgrounds is not available for the general election. Election staff inquired about using Acacia Elementary School as a vote center. The principal does not want a vote center in his school. The staff returned to the American Legion Post 109, which was a voting precinct in the past. The location was unavailable during the primary because they were in the middle of renovations.

Vote Center 105 – The Church of Latter Day Saints now has a policy not to allow any political activity at the church.

Vote Center Number	Old Location	Reason for Move	New Location	Available facilities Closer to Old Location
48	Hilton East	<p>The hotel did not allow pollworkers to bring personal food items on election day. However, it was not outlined in the contract they signed in January. The inspector notified the election office the Monday before the election, very distraught. The sales representative would not take our telephone calls on Monday, and we could not resolve the issue until Tuesday morning. Moving forward, the hotel will require the County to purchase food from their restaurant on election day.</p> <p>The County is saving \$2,062 by moving to a county facility. Elections also moved all training classes to the library, realizing a total savings of \$12,411.85 for the general election.</p> <p>Not available for the general election.</p>	Murphy Wilmot Library	There were no other locations available to use as a vote center.
76	Pima County Fairgrounds		American Legion Post 109	<p>The Acacia Elementary School did not want to host the primary or general election.</p> <p>The American Legion is a traditional polling place.</p>
105	Church of Latter Day Saints	The church no longer wants to host the election.	Resurrection Lutheran Church	