



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 1/14/2020

Title: Emergency Voting Sites for Presidential Preference Election

Introduction/Background:

Per A.R.S. 16-411(B)(5) as amended in the last legislative session, authority for establishing Emergency Voting now lies with the Board of Supervisors. The Recorder's Office establishes, operates and has authority over all of the Early Voting locations in Pima County. The Recorder's Office is submitting our recommendation for Emergency Voting locations for the upcoming Presidential Preference Election.

Discussion:

1. Election Day for the Presidential Preference Election (PPE) is March 17, 2020.
2. The only political party participating in the 2020 PPE is the Democratic Party. Therefore, only voters registered as Democrats will be eligible to participate in this election. Per A.R.S. 16-241, a voter must be registered to the political party participating in the election in order to be eligible to vote in the PPE. Therefore, Independents and party unaffiliated voters are not eligible to participate in this election.
3. There are currently 222,247 registered Democrats in Pima County. Of that number, 173,988 are on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) and will automatically receive a ballot by mail for this election.
4. Due to limited funding from the State of Arizona for this election, historically the Recorder's Office and Elections have only been partially reimbursed for the cost of the election. Therefore, the Recorder's Office has done Emergency Voting just on the Monday prior to Election Day and just at the Recorder's 3 locations. We also do not operate any additional Early Voting sites for this election and don't plan to do so for 2020 due to the cost to the county.
5. The Recorder's Office would like to finalize the sites now so that we can begin preparations for the publicity necessary for the election. Early Voting for the PPE begins on February 19, 2020.
6. Also in accordance with A.R.S. 16-542(H), the voter is now required to provide identification and to sign a statement that they are experiencing an emergency. Identification must be in accordance with A.R.S. 16-579. We have attached a proposed version of the statement of emergency (Exhibit A) for your approval to be used at the Emergency Voting locations. These signed statements are not subject to public inspection pursuant to Title 39, Chapter 1, Article 2.

Conclusion:

Recommendation:

Emergency Voting will be conducted under the authority of the Pima County Recorder, in accordance with the attached Exhibit A, listing sites, dates and hours of operation. Voters will provide identification in accordance with A.R.S. 16-579. Voters will sign the Emergency Statement, per Exhibit B attached.

Fiscal Impact:

none

Board of Supervisor District:

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Board of Supervisor District:

Department: Recorder Telephone: _____

Contact: Pamela Franklin Telephone: 520-724-4356

Department Director Signature/Date:  12-18-19

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: 

County Administrator Signature/Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

2020 Presidential Preference Election Emergency Voting Sites

DOWNTOWN

Recorder's Main Office
240 North Stone Avenue
Located downtown on the first floor in the
County Public Service Center

DATE/TIMES OPEN

SITE OPEN Monday, 3/16/20
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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SOUTHSIDE

Pima County Recorder's Office Annex
6550 S. Country Club Rd.
Located 1 block south of Valencia on west side of
street, northeast corner of building

SITE OPEN Monday, 3/16/20

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

EAST SIDE

Recorder's East Side Annex
Suite D
6920 East Broadway Boulevard
Located at southwest corner of Broadway
and Kolb, west of the Gaslight Theater.

Exhibit B

Pima County

EMERGENCY VOTING STATEMENT

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am experiencing or have experienced an emergency after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election and before 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the election that will prevent me from voting at a polling place on Election Day.

Voter's Signature: _____

Date/Time: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF PIMA COUNTY AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY VOTING LOCATIONS
FOR THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the right to vote is a fundamental right of the citizens of this county as well as the nation, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Pima County to ensure citizens are still able to vote when extraordinary circumstances for the citizen arise, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-411(B)(5) the Legislature has given the authority to the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Recorder to operate emergency voting locations as designated by the Board, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-542(H), voters are now required to provide identification and to sign a statement that they are experiencing an emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the Presidential Preference Election set for March 17, 2020, the Pima County Recorder shall make available for emergency voting on Monday, March 16, 2020 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Recorder's main office located at 240 N. Stone Ave, first floor, Tucson; the Recorder's Eastside office located at 6920 E. Broadway Blvd, Suite D, Tucson; and the Recorder's Annex located at 6550 S. Country Club Rd., Tucson.

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that voters who vote at those locations on that day will sign the statement of emergency attached hereto as Exhibit A.

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that voters at an emergency voting location will provide identification in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-579 or as otherwise provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of January, 2020, by the PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Richard Elías, Chairman

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

APPROVAL: 

Deputy County Attorney
DANIEL JURKOWITZ