

AGENDA MATERIAL

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From: Ray Darragh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 4:09 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Item 15, Precinct Consolidation

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,

I want the Pima County Board of Supervisors to know that I **do not** support consolidating precincts and reducing the number of polling stations beginning in 2022. Forcing voters to go to new polling locations, to stand in long lines, and to endure long wait times will disenfranchise voters. Voter confidence in election integrity is at an all-time low and reducing the number of precincts will result in voter suppression.

To establish new precincts based on voter turnout is not methodologically reliable or valid. A change that would impact 190,000 voters is significant and not warranted because there is NO data-driven reasons to reduce the number of precincts at this time. Furthermore, creating 182 mega-precincts would force voters to look for an alternative to going to polling locations. This is unacceptable for those that prefer to vote in-person. With the increases in voter registration and voter turnout at the polls, why would you recommend decreasing the number of precincts?

With the proposed ongoing redistricting process, this is NOT the time to consolidate precincts. The proposal to consolidate precincts and reduce the number of polling stations will suppress the vote and disenfranchise voters; therefore, I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote AGAINST consolidating precincts and leave the precincts as is. If you must change the precincts, make them smaller!

I request that my comments be read into the record during the Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled on September 21, 2021.

Respectfully,

Ray Darragh
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