AGENDA MATERIAL
DATE 9/21/21 ITEM NO. RA 15

Danielle Greene

From: jeanne hughes [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 7:50 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Comment on BOS 09.21.2021 Agenda Item 15 - Vote NO

[redacted]

Please include this comment with Agenda Item #15 of the BOS September 21, 2021 meeting. Thank you.

Voter rights and election integrity are at stake. **Please vote no on Agenda Item #15.** Combining precincts will make voting more difficult, especially for disabled and elderly voters.

Part of your justification is the increasing PEVL. After the challenges of the last election, many voters are concerned that voting by mail is not as secure as voting in person, and plan to remove their names from PEVL in order to vote in person. Also, Covid impacted the rush to voting by mail.

The grant acceptance in Agenda Item #18 mentions these goals of the Help America Voter Act of 2020:
1. Increase voter confidence
2. Increase security of information
3. Upgrade polling center process

Combining precincts and allowing voters to vote in any location do not meet these goals.
The savings of $224,000 is not worth it, especially considering your other expenditures of tax dollars, e.g., over $2 Million to house illegal immigrants at the Red Roof Inn.

Yes, I know we are talking about some federal monies here, but we know that it is still OUR money.

Please vote NO on Agenda Item #15.

Respectfully,
J Hughes
Precinct 84

Danielle Greene

From: Stan Caine <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 7:29 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Opposed to Increasing Precinct Sizes

I request the following be read into the record at the 21 September 2021 Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting:

As a Precinct Committeeman and a State Senate candidate, I am opposed to radically increasing the size of precincts. Elections in the United States were purposefully structured to be decentralized and put as much control in the voice of the voter. I would support a 10% increase in the size of precincts, but anything larger would put a burden on the Precinct Committeemen to keep their precinct voters informed as well as register new voters.

As a certified poll observer in the 2020 election, I can safely attest that increasing precincts to over 1,000 people would not make voting any easier for voters as the number of polling places would decrease.

Please do not increase precincts by more than 10%. Let democracy be served as it should be with the current sized precincts that allow Precinct Committeemen to effectively manage their precincts.

Sincerely,
Stan Caine
Precinct Committeeman 213
Arizona State Senate Candidate 2022

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Danielle Greene

From: Linda Evans <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 6:14 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Keep LD9 Precincts as they are

[redacted]

Keep Precincts in Legislative Districts in Pima County as they are.
We can get enough poll workers needed in 2022.

Thank you,
Linda Evans, LD9
Precinct 88

Danielle Greene

From: hjones520 <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 5:05 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Proposed Precinct Changes

[redacted]

The voting precincts should not be enlarged to enhance fraudulant voting!
Sincerely, Henry E. Jones Jr. Registered Arizona Voter

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Danielle Greene

From: Dion Heimink Sr [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 7:41 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Reduction in voting precincts

[redacted]

Julie Castaneda
Clerk of the Pima County BOS,

I am writing to you today to express my concern over The Pima County BOS proposal and intention to reduce the number of voting precincts in Pima County for the 2022 election cycle. This will have a negative effect on voter turn out. I prefer to vote in person. I believe it is my civic duty to do so along with it being a Constitutional right. I have had to wait in very long lines to do so. As I am still working, many times I get up early on Election Day to get to my polling place before 6 AM when the polling places open. Arriving at 5:30 there is usually several dozen people ahead of me and I worry about whether I will actually get a chance to vote before I have to leave the line in order to get to work on time. Reducing the number of polling place will have the net effect suppressing voter turnout and disenfranchising many voters. It is very important that going forward people who vote should have confidence in the process as there is much concern for election integrity in our State and Country right now.

I would very much appreciate you reading this at the Pima County BOS meeting on September 21st 2021
Thank you for your time

Dion Heimink Sr.
110 E. Calle Concordia
Oro Valley AZ.

Danielle Greene

From: 26clarity [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 2:36 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Item 15 Agenda Meeting 21 September 2021

[redacted]

I request thalt the Board of Supervisors does not reduce the Justice Precincts; especially at this date Justice Precinct 5, servicing NE and SE Tucson, Vail, Corona de Tucson and SE Pima County. Court packing in District 5 is not for the good of all voters in this district nor any other district in Pima County. Chuck Huckleberry's COVID data numbers for his district is not accurate or up to date. Please read my comments into records during the meeting.

Thank you. Patricia Moser, 331 E Paseo Chuparosas, Green Valley, AZ

Danielle Greene

From: 26clarity <[redacted]>
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 1:30 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Agenda Item 15

[redacted]

This message is for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and all Board Supervisors. Regarding Item 15 on your agenda on September 21, 2021, please do not negatively impact all of Pima County voters by voting for fewer polling locations. In my opinion, this is cause for voter suppression in a time when voter integrity should be utmost in the minds of the Board of Supervisors.

Putting strain on less precinct committeemen is ludicrous; if changes are needed in the minds of above Supervisors, the committees should be smaller so the work of committeemen would be less taxing for all concerned. Please read my comments into the record during the meeting. Thank you. Patricia Moser,

331 E Paseo Chuparosas, Green Valley, AZ.

Danielle Greene

From: Karin [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 12:56 PM
To: COB_mail
Cc: Steve Christy district4@pima.gpv
Subject: Item 15, Precinct Consolidation

[redacted]

Attention: Clerk of the Board.

Kindly read the following into the records at the September 21, 2021 meeting on "proposal of Precinct Consolidation".

We, Clarence H. Mathews and Karin V. Mathews, strongly object to a reduction in the number of Precincts in Pima County. This proposal is an outright Voter Suppression and would further burden Precinct Committeemen of all parties.

Respectfully submitted,

P.C. Clarence H. Mathews,
Precinct 209
Legislative District 2

P.C. Karin V. Mathews,
Precinct 209
Legislative District 2

Danielle Greene

From: Ilene <[redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 8:53 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Item 15, Precinct Consolidation

[redacted]

You have on your agenda for the September 21st meeting an item about reduction in the number of precincts in Pima County resulting in fewer polling locations. Outright nonsense! This will decrease the opportunity for many voters to post ballots in person causing fewer votes. This is voter suppression! If you need to change the precincts, make them smaller. Stop the politicking and start working for the people. I would like these comments to be read into the record during the meeting.

Thank you

Ilene Thompson

Danielle Greene

From:	cheryl caswell <[redacted]
Sent:	Sunday, September 19, 2021 1:08 PM
To:	COB_mail; District4; District1; DIST2; District3; District5
Subject:	Board Meeting 9-21-21 Comments for Supervisors on Item #15 & #22 Agenda
Attachments:	PCBOS 9-21-21 Meeting Comments.pdf

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I have attached a pdf letter to the Clerk of the Board for the September 21, 2021 Agenda regarding Items #15 and #22. I request these comments be included in the agenda addendum packet sent to the Board/Supervisors and, that my letter/comments be verbally read into the recorded record of your virtual meeting.

Thank you,
Cheryl Caswell
Pima County Republican Party 3rd Vice Chairman
Legislative District #14 Republican Committee 4th Vice Chairman
AZ GOP State Committeemen
Elected Precinct Committeemen LD 14 Precinct 11
and a Pima County Taxpayer

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to you today about item #15 and #22 on the September 21, 2021 Agenda, I encourage ALL Supervisors to vote NO on item #15 and, also NO to Option #1 AND Option #2 for Item #22.

Item #15 – Precinct Consolidation: **I served Pima County Elections** in many different capacities for the 2020 Election.
I was the **"Judge of the Opposite Party"** at Precinct 221 in Vail for the Primary and General Election.
I was a Republican Observer with Elections Department Brad Nelson, Mary and Pamela Franklin during election time performing duties such as:

- Observing **Affidavit envelope opening/Signature Verification** in the Recorders Election office
- Observing the **Early Ballot Board Room** teams preparing ballots for machine tally in Elections Department, Observing **Duplicate Ballot teams/cubicles** and the proofing of those duplicated ballots with the Early Board Teams,
- Observing the **Ballot Tabulation Room from Media/Press room**, I was present when the Green Valley Fire District and Continental School District anomaly was found and I learned from a Pima County Elections Employee that our E S & S Machines DO PRINT OVALS ON TEST BALLOTS!

Due to the immense amount of ballots mailed in for the 2020 election, and the COVID mandates and restrictions placed countywide, including judicial changes in election law without passage from our legislators, the Pima County 2020 General Election was a "Mail-in" election similar to the City of Tucson "Mail-in" Only Election. Reducing precincts based on a unusual historical "A-typical" election cycle such as 2020, is the opposite of where we should be headed as a community to secure our election system.

Securing Future Elections in Pima County Should Look More Like:

- Increasing the Number of Precincts By Reducing the Number of Voters Per Precinct to 1000 Registered Voters
- More Precincts = More Polling Locations to Encourage Participation In-Person Voting (PEVL/AEVL for Disabled/Military Voters ONLY)
- Promotion of In-Person Voting on Election Day (1 Vote on 1 Specific Day)
- Tabulation of Votes Cast by "General Ballot" on Election Day at Polls By Precinct (NOT "Provisionals/Special Conditions")
- PRELIMINARY Reporting of Precinct Tabulation prior to Change in Chain of Custody of Ballots to Pima County Recorder/Elections Department for Final Tabulation
- Paper Ballots ONLY – Proper Writing Instruments Provided / Electronic Machines provide NO Receipt of Vote Cast
- County-wide Canvass of ALL Registered Voters to Address Concerns of Voter Registry Irregularities and Errors, so many voters arriving at the polls had not updated their voting information

In my opinion, increasing the size of precincts by increasing the number of registered voters, will result in fewer polling locations located farther in proximity requiring voters to travel farther to cast a ballot in-person and is DISENFRANCHISEMENT of the Pima County Voting Taxpayers. These are the Elections paid for by the Pima County Taxpayer for the Pima County Voting Taxpayer NOT the Pima County Board of Supervisors or the Pima County Recorder/Elections Department. $115,000 +/- in Savings is not worth the effort. Stop buying defunct golf courses, flood zone properties and bowling alleys to save $$$ - DO NOT LIMIT THE PEOPLES ABILITY TO VOTE! **VOTE NO on Item #15 REDUCING THE NUMBER PRECINCTS in PIMA COUNTY!**

Item #22 – Eliminating a Justice of the Peace/Constable District
Administrator Chuck Huckleberry is using statistics affected by COVID mandates and court closures, this lacks "Common Sense" and is **MISLEADING**. Utilizing a "Pandemic" to strategize an advantage to maintain control of the county by "gerrymandering" and packing the courts shows complete disconnect from the public of Pima County and disregard for the citizens of the community. *Administrator Huckleberry and other supervisors need to create a structure in which they are protected from the outcome of the poor decisions/regulations they create, which affect the daily lives of citizens, this is nothing more than a protective attempt to provide "Political Cover" for poor policies and bad management.*
Vote NO on Item #22 Option #1 and Option #2 – No Changes to Justice of the Peace/Constable Districts should be considered before the completion of Legislative Redistricting and further analysis of Census 2020 data is completed.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Caswell, a Pima County Taxpayer and
Elected Pima County Republican Party Precinct Committeemen
Pima County Republican Party 3rd Vice Chairman
AZ GOP State Committeemen
Legislative District #14 GOP 4th Vice Chairman

Danielle Greene

From: Steve Ware [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:58 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Reduction of Poling Places

[illegible]

I respectfully request that this email become a part of the official meeting record.

I am writing to oppose the reduction of polling places in Pima County. In fact, I am requesting that a polling place be added in Quail Creek, a 55+ community with older residents that do not travel well. Historically, a polling place was there but removed last election due to COVID.

More people are removing themself from the Permanent Early Voting List due to concerns over mail delivery. This will increase the number of voters at the polls. Thus, reducing polling places will result in voter suppression.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Yours,

Stephen F. Ware
2404 E. Sky Creek Drive
Green Valley, AZ 85614
[redacted]

Danielle Greene

From: Mona Gibson <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:35 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Against Proposed Precinct Changes

[redacted]

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please reject the proposed precinct changes. By combining precincts and decreasing poll locations you are going to cause greater uncertainty in the voting results and damage any shred of election integrity you have left. At my polling place last year there was a long line before 6:00 am. There was confusion re dropping off ballots and what precincts were able to vote at that location. By combining precincts you will be exacerbating these issues. Instead of saving money by decreasing precincts, we all would be much better off if you spent taxpayer dollars on training the poll workers and educating the public.

The precinct change proposal provides one more reason for a significant portion of Pima County residents to have grave concerns about election integrity.

Thanks,

Mona L Gibson
Precinct 225
2701 W Placita Hacienda (85741)

Danielle Greene

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:32 AM
To: COB_mail
Cc: PimaCountyGOP@gmail.com; ld9executivecommittee@gmail.com; nicholsld9gop@gmail.com; pc106@protonmail.com
Subject: Proposed Precinct Changes comments

[redacted]

This comment is requested to be read into RECORD at your next Pima County Board of Supervisors Meeting.

I ask that the board pursue no changes to existing precincts in Pima County.

Rather than introduce more change and confusion for our electorate, I request that the board only make recommendations for future changes, at this time. The proposed savings is a meager trade-off for the disorganization that precinct changes will produce. We need more time to evaluate if and how these changes will benefit voters and the voting process itself.

Sincerely,

Randal Melder
Arizona Precinct Committeeman, LD 09 Precinct 106

Cc. Pima GOP

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.

Danielle Greene

From: 26clarity [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 4:02 PM
To: COB_mail
Attachments: PrecinctRedistricting_Pima.pdf

[redacted]

September 18, 2021

The Honorable Chair and Members,

Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Justice Court & Constable Reprecincting

September 18, 2021

Kindly carefully consider the evidence of my Letter before you move to undertake any reprecincting.

Eliminating a Precinct in my view amounts to outright voter suppression. I urge you to take no action which would reduce Pima's number of Precincts.

The reasons to leave Districts undisturbed are sited by my 10 concerns delineated in the CONCLUSION below. The study that arrived at this conclusion was conducted by Shelley Kais, Chairman of the Pima County Republican Party. The Conclusion of the Study is presented in the text below.

I ask that my letter and it's attachments be read into the Pima County Board of Directors minutes.

CONCLUSION:

1. A change impacting 190,000 voters is significant and not warranted at this time.
2. There are several voting initiatives in play right now: Maricopa audit, redistricting, S.B. 1485, new voting legislation under consideration for the 2022 Legislative session. There is no data driven or evidence-based reason(s) to reduce the number of precincts at this time.
3. Creating 182 mega-precincts (precincts greater than one thousand) attempts to force people to look for an alternative to not stand in long lines and drive to distant polling locations. It suppresses and disenfranchises the voter.
4. The voter rolls are a moving target and appear to be rapidly changing (10,000 voters removed in one week). What will the numbers be in 2022?
5. Given the political climate, there is no reason to believe that voter turnout will be less than 2020. Based on the analysis, which could indicate an increase in poll location voting.
6. In anticipation of the implementation of S.B. 1485, benchmark data would indicate we anticipate seeing many people removed from the PEVL. This could drive an increase in poll location voting in 2026.
7. The data models indicate that with increased registration is increased turnout which results in increased numbers at the polls. With potential increasing numbers, why would we be decreasing location?
8. A $115,000 saving is not worth the loss of confidence that the citizens of Pima County are experiencing in our elections at the state level and the county level. We need to remember that we are IN SERVICE to the residents of Pima County, not IN CONTROL of the residents of Pima County.
9. The cost-benefit analysis used to identify the $115K savings should be re-evaluated to examine the assignment of benefits to the model. If a cost effectiveness model was used, it is shortsighted and should be re-evaluated.
10. Arizona is a swing state, and the eyes of the nation will be on the U.S. Senate race. Any discrepancy or anomaly in voting will receive national attention—by both parties. I would recommend that the analysis for the 'Establishment of election precincts for 2022' is incomplete and should not be adopted by the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

Do not irreparably damage our voter districts.

Respectfully,

Robert Moser 331 E. Paseo Chuparosas, Green Valley, AZ 85614[redacted]

September 7, 2021

Shelley Kais
Chairman, Pima County Republican Party
1740 E Fort Lowell Road
Tucson, AZ 85719

Mr. Brad Nelson
Pima County Election Director
6550 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, AZ 85756

Subject: Establishment of election precincts for 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Elections Department's proposed election precincts for 2022 which you will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors on September 21, 2022. The proposal has a significant impact on our Pima County voters during a time when voters have lost confidence in the voting system and administration of voting in the United States. **The Republican Party does not agree with the proposed changes.**

FINDINGS:

(1) Impact on Voters and Precinct Committeemen:

- Thirty-one percent (31%) of the Pima County voters will be impacted by the proposed changes; 189,935 voters
- That could impact the work of 1500 Precinct Committeemen
- Twelve percent (12%) of precincts in Pima County will have more than 5,000 registered voters
- Five percent (5%) of precincts in Pima County will have more than 6,000 registered voters with the greatest impact on District 1 for proposed mega-precincts
- One precinct in District 1 will have 8,996 registered voters
- Percent of decrease in the number of polling places by District are:
    - District 1: 38% of polling places have been combined
    - District 2: 13% of polling places have been combined
    - District 3: 15% of polling places have been combined
    - District 4: 14% of polling places have been combined, and
    - District 5: 25% of polling places have been combined

ANALYSIS 1:

The election integrity issues in Arizona have put the state, Maricopa County, and potentially Pima County on the national stage. Impacting one-third of the voters as we head into the 2022 election with the eye of the nation and more importantly the voters' eyes on the execution of the election is critical to maintain or in some cases regain voter confidence. Forcing voters to new polling locations, long lines, and long wait times will suppress the vote and disenfranchise the voter. District 1 is significantly impacted by this proposal. Arizona Revised Statute 16-822 (E) states:

> "The minimum duties of a precinct committeeman shall be to assist his political party with voter registration and to assist the voters of his political party to vote on election day."

These proposed changes will put an additional burden on the political parties, Legislative Districts, and the Precinct Committeemen to meet their minimum responsibility to assist voters to vote on election day. Further, the proposal is being presented simultaneously with redistricting; we do not know what precincts are going to be where creating confusion for our get out the vote (GOTV) efforts for not only our political parties, but also our candidates. **Changing precincts will adversely alter the work of the PC and the voter.**

(2) The PEVL and NON-PEVL Voters

- Senate Bill 1485 could remove tens of thousands of PEVL voters from the state's permanent early voter list. While this does not become the 'AEVL' until *after* the 2024 elections, we can anticipate significant changes within two years of this change which impacts one-third of our Pima County voters. Precinct change in 2022; AEVL change post 2024.
- While this proposed change is intended to address cost savings and efficiency in the execution of the election, the NON-PEVL voters impacted by district
    - District 1: 21% of the voters (33,226)
    - District 2: 26% of the voters (24,928)
    - District 3: 26% of the voters (30,448)
    - District 4: 22% of the voters (32,575)
    - District 5: 24% of the voters (23,835)

  is consistent by percentage among districts. While many voters are opting to remove themselves from the PEVL we can see that the percentage of NON-PEVL voters is mid-twenties. A change in that percentage by 3-5 percentage points could adversely affect poll voting with long wait times, long lines, etc. as is anticipated with the introduction of the AEVL voters post 2024 election. There is no data that supports increased PEVL voters; in fact, the new legislation supports the exact opposite.
- Wisconsin removed 206,000 voters from their voter rolls in routine maintenance following the 2020 election. **Pima County removed 10,000 voters from their voter list between August 16-August 23—in just one week!** Routine maintenance shows the number as follows in Pima County:

Week Ending	No. of Voters	Removal
2/22/21	623,327	-364 voters
3/15/21	623,848	-157 voters
5/10/21	625,021	-1514 voters
6/7/21	626,322	-291 voters
7/12/21	628,290	-93 voters
8/23/21	**619,726**	**-9922 voters**

  This proposal is based on 638,355 voters; twenty-thousand more voters than are currently shown on the Pima County Recorder's site.

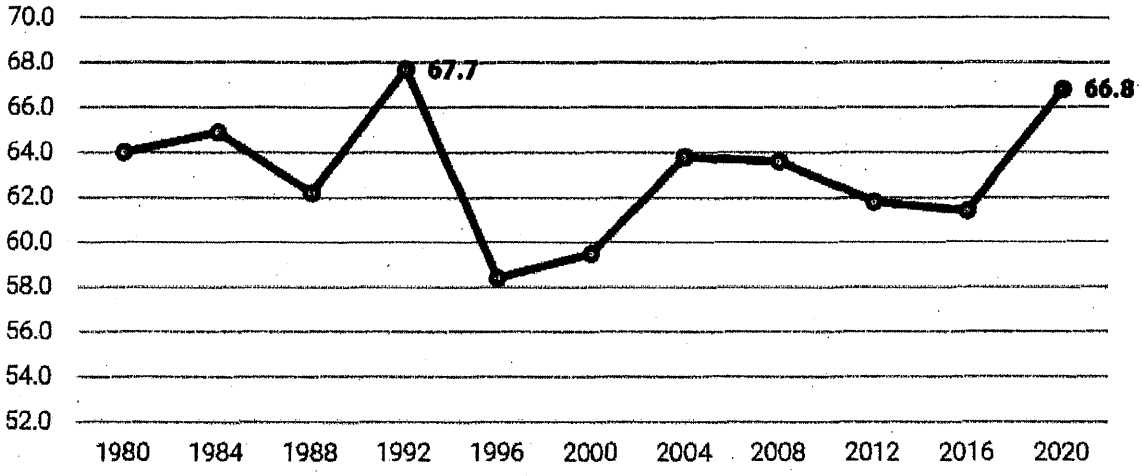
ANALYSIS 2:

There are several pieces in play with the PEVL, NON-PEVL, and AEVL voting categories. A first observation is that 25% of all voters are NON-PEVL and many of them do not show up to vote. The PEVL voters will now fall under the new legislation and following the 2024 election, we may see a significant shift in AEVL. With the assumed routine maintenance taking place at the Recorder's Office, we are seeing a shift in the voter numbers as well. Voter data is a moving target and to establish new precincts based on voter turnout of the highest election in recent history (Figure 1) is not methodologically reliable or valid. Add to this the decadal redistricting and the challenges it poses, it seems now is not the time to change the polling places. This analysis summarizes that we are looking at redistricting in 2022;

AEVL in 2024; routine maintenance is on-going; audit results 2021. **Is this really the time to potentially disenfranchise our voters and potentially suppress the vote?**

Figure 1. US turnout rates: Presidential elections 1980-2020

Turnout rates are defined as percent of voting age citizens who reported voting



Source: US Census Bureau Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement (released April 29, 2021).

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(3) Voter Turnout v. Voter Turnout at Polls

Review of the 2020 election data by precinct indicates that 95% of the time when there is an increase in voter registration, there is an increase in Voter Turnout at the Polls (Figure 2). The correlation is strong at r = .975. While we would anticipate increased turnout closely correlated to increased voter registration, if we apply that model to the proposed increases in precincts, it becomes burdensome for the voter in a mega-precinct as created in District 1 to attend a polling location. The Republican Party is interested in bringing **'ONE VOTER, IN PERSON, ONE DAY, ONE LOCATION'** and not pushing our voters to mail-in voting due to long lines, long wait times, and long distances to travel to the polling location.

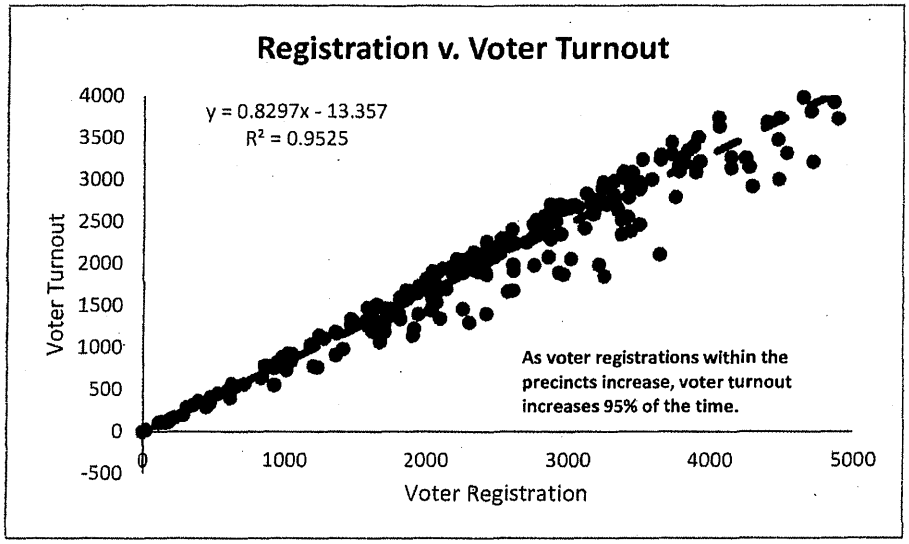


Figure 2: Correlation of Pima County 2020 Election Voter Registration v Turnout

As voter turnout increases, the voter turnout at the polls increases as well. This correlation (r=.81) is also a strong correlation (Figure 3). As a result, we can expect that as voter registrations continue to increase in Pima County so will voter turnout, and subsequently so will turnout at the polls. This proposal suggests that we should reduce the number of polling locations when the 2020 Census tells us that the population in Arizona and Pima County is growing. This would suppress voter turnout and disenfranchise the voter.

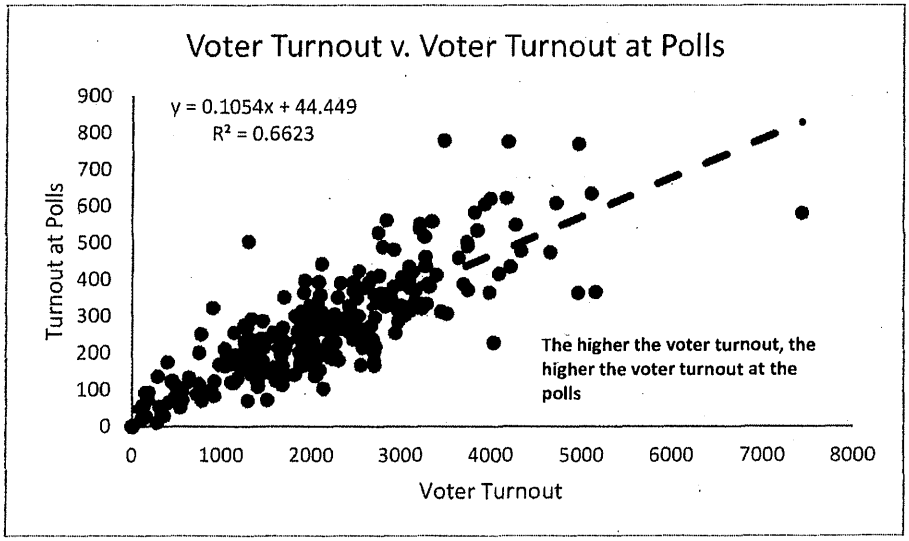
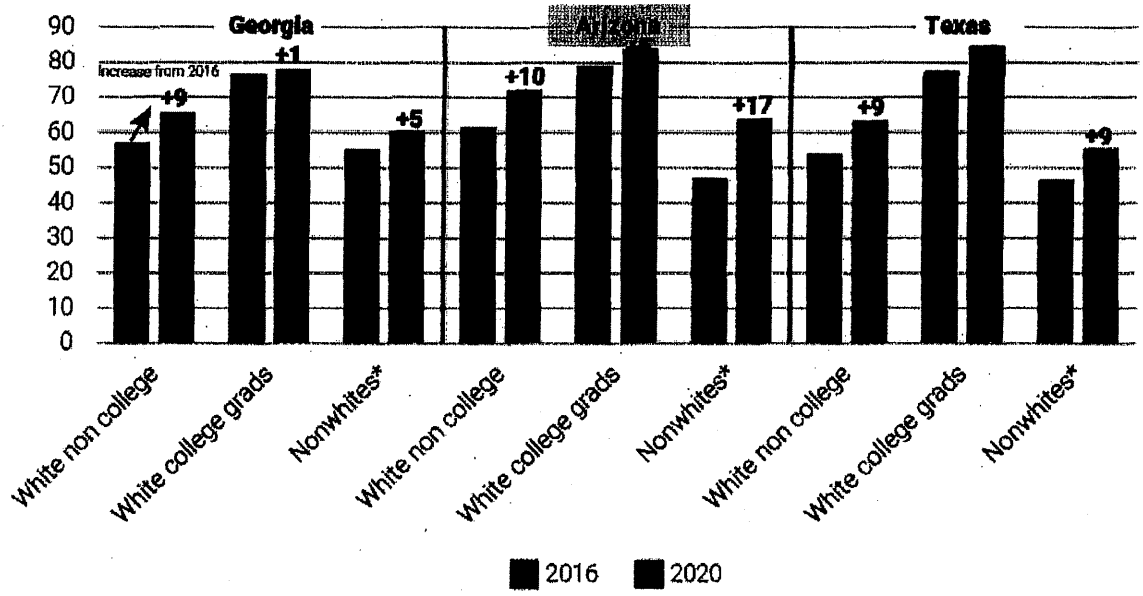


Figure 3: Correlation of Pima County 2020 Election Voter Turnout v Turnout at Polls

ANALYSIS 3:
The correlation data and the data models are used to demonstrate reduced polling locations do not serve the voter in Pima County at this time. As a customer-centric organization, I am confident that the Election's Department and the Pima County Board of Supervisors intends to do what is in the best interest of the voters. The data models are developed using data provided by the Election's Department from the November 2020 election.

> "The new census data makes plain that the 2020 election was record-breaking in terms of the magnitude of its voter turnout. Yet there are two aspects of this turnout which need to be emphasized. One is the sharp rise in the turnout among white non-college voters—a group that has strongly favored Republicans. The other is the accentuated turnout among young people and people of color—representing the increasing influence of voters who heavily lean toward Democratic presidential candidates. Both of these groups exerted countervailing forces on the results of the 2020 election, leading to close popular vote totals in a handful of states. "

Figure 6. Turnout rates: Georgia, Arizona and Texas, 2016 and 2020



* Includes Latino or Hispanic members of racial group

Source: William H. Frey analysis of Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement, 2016 and 2020 (released April 29, 2021).

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CONCLUSION and RECOMMENDATION:
There are currently many reasons to not accept this proposal. Regaining and maintaining the confidence of the voter in our government and our election system is critical. Personally, in the 2020 election, Precinct 84 changed their polling location from Quail Creek to the East Social Center in Green Valley. Precinct 84 is in Sahuarita and for many voters, rides had to be provided to get them to the new polling

location, which was in unincorporated Pima County, not Sahuarita. Additionally, adequate notification was never made of the change in polling location.

In conclusion,

- A change impacting 190,000 voters is significant and not warranted at this time.
- There are several voting initiatives in play right now: Maricopa audit, redistricting, S.B. 1485, new voting legislation under consideration for the 2022 Legislative session. There is no data-driven or evidence-based reason(s) to reduce the number of precincts at this time.
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- The data models indicate that with increased registration is increased turnout which results in increased numbers at the polls. With potential increasing numbers, why would we be decreasing location?
- A $115,000 saving is not worth the loss of confidence that the citizens of Pima County are experiencing in our elections at the state level and the county level. We need to remember that we are IN SERVICE to the residents of Pima County, not IN CONTROL of the residents of Pima County.
- The cost-benefit analysis used to identify the $115K savings should be re-evaluated to examine the assignment of benefits to the model. If a cost effectiveness model was used, it is short-sighted and should be re-evaluated.
- Arizona is a swing state, and the eyes of the nation will be on the U.S. Senate race. Any discrepancy or anomaly in voting will receive national attention—by both parties.

I would recommend that the analysis for the 'Establishment of election precincts for 2022' is incomplete and should not be adopted by the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

V/R,
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Shelley Kais