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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT (BOSAIR)

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Award Type:	Agenda Item
BOSAIR Activity:	Board Meeting Request
Requested Board Meeting Date:	05/26/2026
Project Title / Description:	2026 Primary Election - Early Ballot Drop-Off Sites & Emergency Voting Locations

Agenda Item Report

Introduction / Background:

The Recorder's Office is responsible for managing the Early Voting process for all registered Pima County voters. The Early Voting process includes mailing early ballots, operating secure ballot drop-off sites before Election Day, and providing Emergency Voting locations.

Per the 2025 Arizona Election Procedures Manual, Chapter 2 section I (H)(1), the Board of Supervisors must approve the proposed list of ballot drop-off sites when establishing multiple locations within a county.

Furthermore, A.R.S §16-542 (H) and A.R.S. §16-411(8)(5) require that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed
Emergency Voting locations to accommodate voters unable to cast a ballot in person on July 21, 2026, Arizona's Primary Election Day. While the BOS need only approve Ballot Drop Off sites and Emergency Voting Sites, this agenda item will also cover Early Voting Sites.

Discussion:

The Arizona Primary Election is on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. The following are key points regarding this election:

1. There are five (5) recognized political parties in Pima County and the state of Arizona. Members of those parties will receive the ballot for their party's partisan races. Of those five (5) only Democratic, Republican and No Labels Parties are holding open primaries. Voters registered as Independent or Party Not Designated are able to choose a ballot for one of those three parties.

2. Three (3) locations will be Early Voting sites for the duration of Early Voting and Emergency Voting from June 24 - July 18 and July 20 but will be closed on July 3 for the observed holiday. (See Exhibit A)

3. One (1) additional site will be available for Early Voting and Emergency Voting from July 06 – July 18 and July 20. (See Exhibit A)

4. Eleven (11) more sites will open for the final week of Early Voting and Emergency Voting from July 13 - July 18 and July 20. (See Exhibit A)

5. One (1) Mobile Voting Unit will be available for the final week and a half of Early Voting and Emergency Voting from July 14, July 16 – July 18 and July 20. (See Exhibit A)

6. All sites, including the Mobile Voting Unit, will be ballot return locations, otherwise known as ballot drop-off locations.

7. Election Day Vote Centers will be facilitated by the Pima County Elections Department.

Ballot Drop Off Locations:
The Pima County Recorder's Office anticipates mailing more than 400,000 Early Ballots to voters for the Primary Election. Although most voters return their ballots by mail, the Recorder's Office operates multiple Ballot Drop-off sites across Pima County, in accordance with the Arizona Elections Procedures Manual, Chapter 2 I. (I), which has the force of law. These Ballot Drop-off sites offer voters another method to return their ballots for processing. The Recorder's Office has operated ballot drop-off locations over multiple election cycles with great success. Historically, these sites receive thousands of ballots during Early Voting. The Early Ballot Drop-off sites see an extensive increase in the number of Ballot Drop offs the week before the election, when it is too late for voters to mail back their Early Ballots.

Recorder's Office personnel staff fifteen (15) ballot drop-off sites listed in Exhibit A. Site workers follow a strict chain of custody protocol for handling voted ballots, and extensive ballot security procedures to protect the integrity of the returned ballot.

The Pima County Recorder's Office has joined all other counties in Arizona and installed four (4) stand-alone Ballot Drop boxes that offer 24-hour access for voters dropping off ballots. These boxes have been installed at our Downtown and Eastside locations as well as the pending installation at the Sells Post Office and will have camera coverage throughout Early Voting. All Ballot Drop boxes comply with requirements laid out in the Elections Procedures Manual with regards to security and chain-of-custody procedures.

The following is attached as Exhibit A to the resolution:
1. A list of all fifteen (15) Ballot Drop-off/Early Voting sites with their dates and the hours of operation
2. A list of the four (4) locations of the permanent Ballot Drop boxes and the dates of operation
3. The locations and dates of the Mobile Voting Unit

Staffing:
The fifteen (15) sites and Mobile Voting Unit that will issue ballots during Early and Emergency Voting are staffed with highly trained election officers. Recorder staff will verify every voter's identity before issuing an early ballot, then secure the ballot using the same chain-of-custody procedures for a returned mailed Early Ballot. These sites have been vetted and are optimum for election operations, ensuring security and locations that meet community needs.

Emergency Voting:
To accommodate voters who experience an emergency that prevents them from voting in person on Election Day, before Election Day the Recorder's Office will convert all Early Voting Sites (including the Mobile Voting Unit) to Emergency Voting locations on Saturday, July 18, 2026, and Monday, July 20, 2026. The proposed locations and hours of operations for the Emergency Voting locations are attached as Exhibit A.

To accommodate voters who are not accustomed to the separation between Early Voting and Election Day voting, our three (3) permanent offices and our four (4) Ballot Drop-Off Boxes will be accepting Early Ballots on Election Day. The locations

	are attached as Exhibit C. Attached as Exhibit B to the resolution is the statement a voter must sign at the site declaring an emergency prevents them from voting on Election Day. Voters will not be asked to disclose the nature of their emergency. Early Ballot drop-off is also permitted at the Emergency Voting locations.
Conclusion:	Voting is a fundamental right of all citizens. Creating equitable opportunities for all voters to participate is in the best interest of Pima County. Ballot drop-off sites offer many voters a secure, convenient way to return an Early Ballot directly to election officials or to vote in person if they choose. Emergency Voting locations ensure eligible voters are not disenfranchised from the voting process due to an emergency.
Recommendation:	The Pima County Recorder's Office recommends approval of the proposed ballot drop-off locations and Emergency Voting locations presented to the Board and further recommends the Board authorize the County Recorder to operate these locations to ensure the voters of Pima County have appropriate access to participate in the 2026 Primary Election.
Fiscal Impact:	There are no fees associated with properties owned by Pima County, Town of Sahuarita or any tribal locations.
Support of Prosperity Initiative:	N/A
Provide information that explains how this activity supports the selected Prosperity Initiative	N/A
Board of Supervisor District:	• 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
Department:	Recorder
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Telephone:	5207244223

Department Director Signature: Gabrielle C. Kelly Date: 5/7/2026

Deputy County Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Administrator Signature: _____ Date: 5/7/26

RESOLUTION 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA; RELATING TO ELECTIONS; APPROVING THE EARLY BALLOT DROP-OFF SITES AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY VOTING LOCATIONS FOR THE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

WHEREAS, a statewide primary election will be held on July 21, 2026, with early voting starting on June 24, 2026, where all eligible registered voters in Pima County are able to participate; and

WHEREAS, in conformity with the 2025 Arizona Election Procedures Manual, Chapter 2, Sec. 1, (H)(1), the Pima County Board of Supervisors shall approve all early ballot-drop off locations operated by the Pima County Recorder's Office that provide voters additional options for returning a voted early mail ballot; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §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, to ensure citizens are still able to vote when extraordinary circumstances arise that prevent their ability to cast a ballot at a vote center on election day; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-542(H), when voting at an emergency voting location, voters are required to provide identification, and to sign a statement that they are experiencing an emergency that would prevent them from voting in person on election day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has previously approved multiple early ballot drop-off locations and emergency voting locations throughout Pima County in prior election cycles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Pima County Recorder shall make available nineteen (19) early ballot drop-off locations and fifteen (15) emergency voting locations throughout Pima County listed in Exhibit A to this Resolution, incorporated by this reference, for the July 21, 2026, Primary Election.

SECTION 2. Emergency voting locations identified in Exhibit A will only be open on Saturday, July 18, 2026 and on Monday, July 20, 2026, from 9:00am to 3:00pm unless otherwise noted in Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. The Pima County Recorder shall require voters who vote at an emergency voting location during the designated emergency voting period to sign the statement of emergency attached hereto as Exhibit B to this Resolution. To accommodate voters who are not accustomed to the separation between Early Voting and Election Day voting, three (3) permanent offices and four (4) Ballot Drop-Off Boxes will be accepting Early Ballots on Election Day, locations listed in Exhibit C.

SECTION 4. The Pima County Recorder shall require in-person voters to provide a valid form of identification in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-579 or as otherwise provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2026 by the PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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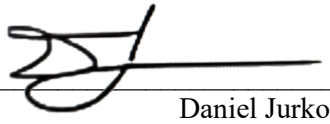
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Daniel Jurkowitz
Deputy County Attorney

EXHIBIT A - TO RESOLUTION

Primary Election - July 21, 2026 - Early Voting, Ballot Drop-off and Emergency Voting Locations
Elección Primaria - 21 de julio de 2026 - Sitios de votación anticipada, emergencia y reemplazo de boletas

Early Voting, Ballot Drop-off and Emergency Voting Locations
Sitios de votación anticipada, emergencia y reemplazo de boletas

	Site / *Sitio*	Address / *Dirección*	Dates & Times *Fechas y Horas*	Emergency Voting *Votación de emergencia*	
1	Recorder's Main Office	240 N Stone Ave, Tucson	**6/24 - 7/17*** 8 am - 5 pm **Mon-Fri only** *solo de lunes a viernes* **Closed/*Cerrado el* 7/3**	**Saturday/*sabado* 7/18** 9 am - 3 pm	**Monday/*lunes* 7/20** 8 am - 5 pm
2	Recorder's Country Club Office	6550 S Country Club Rd, Tucson			
3	City of Tucson - Ward 2 Office	7820 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson			
4	Oro Valley Library	1305 W Naranja Dr, Oro Valley	**7/6 - 7/17*** 8 am - 5 pm	**Saturday/*sabado* 7/18 & Monday/*lunes* 7/20** 9 am - 3 pm	
5	Anamax Recreation Center	17501 S Camino De Las Quintas, Sahuarita	**7/13 - 7/17*** 8 am - 5 pm		
6	W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library	10931 E Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Vail			
7	Dusenberry-River Library	5605 E River Rd Ste 105, Tucson			
8	Eckstrom-Columbus Library	4350 E 22nd Street, Tucson			
9	Kirk Bear Canyon Library	8959 E Tanque Verde Rd, Tucson			
10	Miller Golf Links Library	9640 E Golf Links Rd, Tucson			
11	Pascua Yaqui Tribal Chambers	7474 S Camino De Oeste, Tucson			
12	Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation	3500 W River Rd, Tucson			
13	Valencia Library	202 W Valencia Rd, Tucson			
14	Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library	7800 N Schisler Dr, Tucson			
15	Woods Memorial Library	3455 N 1st Ave, Tucson			

*** Sites open until 7 pm Friday, July 17**

Ballot Drop Box Locations / *Ubicaciones de Buzones de Votación***

	Site / *Sitio*	Address / *Dirección*	Dates and Times / *Fechas y horas*
1	Recorder's Main Office - Drive up	Utility driveway between/*camino de sevicios públicos entre* 240 N Stone & 200 N Stone	**Open 24 hours 6/24 to 7/21 by 7 pm** ***abierto 24 horas 6/24 al 7/21 antes de las 7 pm***
2	Recorder's Main Office - Walk up	Courtyard facing/*Patio frente a* 240 N. Stone	
3	Recorder's Eastside Office - Walk up	6920 E Broadway Blvd	
4	Sells Post Office - Walk up	1 Main St, Sells	

**** Secured 24 hour Ballot Drop Boxes located outside**

Mobile Voting Unit / *Unidad Móvil de Votación*

	Site / *Sitio*	Dates / *Fechas*
1	Ajo	**Tuesday/*martes* 7/14**
2	Three Points	**Thursday/*jueves* 7/16**
3	Sells	**Friday/*viernes* 7/17 & Saturday/*sabado* 7/18**
4	Marana	**Monday/*lunes* 7/20**

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EXHIBIT B - TO RESOLUTION

Primary Election - July 21, 2026 - Early Voting, Ballot Drop-off and Emergency Voting Locations
Elección Primaria - 21 de julio de 2026 - Sitios de votación anticipada, emergencia y reemplazo de boletas

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.

Print First & Last Name: _____

Voter's Signature: _____ Date/Time: _____

Voting Location & Staff Initial: _____

CONDADO PIMA
DECLARACIÓN DE VOTO DE EMERGENCIA

Declaro bajo la pena del perjurio, que estoy experimentando o he experimentado una emergencia, después de las 5:00 p.m. del viernes inmediatamente antes de la elección y antes de las 5:00 p.m. del lunes inmediatamente después de la elección, que me impedirá votar en un lugar de votación el día de las elecciones.

Nombre y apellido: _____

Firma del Votante: _____ Fecha/Hora: _____

Lugar De Votación e Iniciales: _____

EXHIBIT C - TO RESOLUTION

Election Day Early Ballot Drop-Off Sites for the 2026 Primary Election

Sitios de entrega de boletas anticipada para el día de las elecciones primarias de 2026

	Site / *Sitio*	**Address /** *Dirección*	**Dates & Times** *Fechas y Horas*
1	Recorder's Main Office	240 N Stone Ave, Tucson	**Election Day***/Día de las elecciones* **July 21, 2026***/21 de julio de 2026* **8 am - 5 pm** **Ballot Drop-Off Only** ***Solo entrega de boletas***
2	Recorder's Country Club Office	6550 S Country Club Rd, Tucson	

Ballot Drop Box Locations / *Ubicaciones de Buzones de Votación*****			
	Site / *Sitio*	**Address /** *Dirección*	**Dates and Times** / *Fechas y horas*
1	Recorder's Main Office - Drive up	Utility driveway between/*camino de sevicios públicos entre* 240 N Stone & 200 N Stone	**Election Day** **Open until 7/21 by 7 pm** ***Día de las elecciones*** ***abierto hasta el 21 de julio a las 7 pm***
2	Recorder's Main Office - Walk up	Courtyard facing/*Patio frente a* 240 N. Stone	
3	Recorder's Eastside Office - Walk up	6920 E Broadway Blvd	
4	Sells Post Office - Walk up	1 Main St, Sells	

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