MEMORANDUM

Date: August 7, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: Pima County Primary Election – August 4, 2020

With the exception of a small number of polling locations where poll workers distributed incorrect ballots to a small number of voters, the Primary Election held on August 4, 2020 was uneventful. Given the large number of ballot variations that occur due to the four political parties and/or municipal boundaries, very few voters were issued the incorrect ballot style. There can be, and often are, multiple ballot styles per polling location. (Average is 15-20 differing styles at one polling place)

In addition, the public was largely compliant with the mask requirement. There were few voters who refused to wear a mask; however, these voters were able to cast their ballot. Additional clarification will be needed from the County Attorney for the General Election, particularly as it relates to voters who refuse to comply with public health requirements to ensure a safe voting environment.

There are approximately 37,000 ballots that remain to be counted. Of those, 15,000 were dropped off at the polls and there are approximately 3,000 provisional ballots that will require additional verification. At this time, there does not appear there are any contests close enough to meet recount requirements.

Finally, there were approximately 225,000 total ballots cast during this Primary Election. Of the ballots cast, only 21,500 ballots (or about 9.4 percent) were completed at County polling locations. This means over 90 percent of our Primary Election was conducted through early voting.

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