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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 25, 2021

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **Update on the Election Integrity Commission and Jurisdictional Historic Preservation Commission**

At the June 22, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting when discussing Item 8 regarding Board, Commissions and Committees the Board asked for a status report of the Election Integrity Commission (EIC) and the separated formation of the Historical Commission.

Please see the attached letter from the EIC Chair requesting information and suggestions regarding topics the Commission could address. The Chair indicates they will return to in-person meetings on July 16, 2021 and that members will have the option of attending by electronic means. An item I suggested the Commission may wish to address is the request of Representative Mark Finchem to receive the digital images of all the ballots cast in Pima County during the November 2020 General Election. Such was denied by the Elections Director and Representative Finchem was directed to file a public records request, which I also believe will be denied due to Arizona Revised Statutes 16-624 and 16-625, which prohibit the release of ballots, including ballots images, save for a court order to release those ballots and/or ballot images.

Regarding the reformed Historical Commission separated from the "City/County" Historical Commission, the process to separate the commissions is ongoing, but will take some time.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,  
Health and Community Services



## PIMA COUNTY ELECTION INTEGRITY COMMISSION

**To:** Supervisor Sharon Bronson, District 3, Chair  
Supervisor Adelita Grijalva, District 5, Vice-Chair  
Supervisor Rex Scott, District 1  
Supervisor Matt Heinz, District 2  
Supervisor Steve Christy, District 4

**From:** Brian Bickel, Chair, Pima County Election Integrity Commission

This Commission has not met, either in person or virtually, since the moratorium on all meetings of commissions, committees and boards was declared last spring. As the time for meetings to resume approaches, direction from the Board on the activities of the Commission would be greatly appreciated.

As a result of relocation, illness, and the November elections, 50% of the Commissioners will never have attended a meeting. This provides an opportunity to refocus the role of the Commission.

The Commission has done good work in the past evaluating election equipment, security plans and procedures, meeting with the Secretary of State and providing input to the State Director of Elections on the election procedures manual. The relationship with the County Recorder had deteriorated over time and the election of a new Recorder and staff changes provide an opportunity to rekindle that relationship.

I am looking forward to the Commission playing an integral role in Pima County's elections being as secure as possible. It is the intent of the Commission to resume in person meetings beginning July 16, 2021, for those members comfortable doing so. Telephonic service will be available for those not able or unwilling to attend in person.

ec: Brad Nelson, Pima County Elections Director  
Gabiella Cazares-Kelly, Pima County Recorder

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