Date: February 28, 2022

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

From: Jan Lesher  
Acting County Administrator

Re: Identification of Vote Centers in Pima County

Introduction

As Pima County prepares to conduct its first Countywide election using voting centers, each step of the process is being designed to ensure the greatest amount of public input and scrutiny. A key element in this process is the identification of the vote center locations.

Discussion

Identification of Vote Centers

Vote Center locations are being identified to serve both the heavily populated urban areas as well as the rural parts of Pima County. In the urban areas, locations are being identified that are generally located near heavy traffic areas, large residential areas, major employers and public transportation routes. All the Vote Centers in rural areas have been kept at their historical polling places as they are easily recognized within the community.

To begin the process of identifying Vote Centers, the Elections Department created a list of criteria needed for a location to be considered. The criteria used for these locations includes both its physical location within Pima County as well as how it serves the needs of our poll workers, the voting equipment, and our voters. This list contains the following:

- Indoor space of 2,000 square feet
- A facility that is ADA compliant
- Adequate number of power outlets to accommodate voting equipment
- Free and sufficient parking
- Proximity to public transportation
- Use of facilities for poll workers and voters
- A break area for poll workers
- Ample locations across Pima County to serve communities with limited transportation
- Ample locations across Pima County to serve where historically there is more in-person voting at the polls
In our efforts to reserve facilities for Vote Centers, the Elections Department was unable to secure facilities with the desired 2,000 square feet for all the proposed vote centers in metro Tucson. If a vote center was less than 1,000 square feet, we chose to add an additional location near the smaller vote center. The additional location was historically used as a polling place and gives the voter a nearby option and will mitigate potential wait times.

All proposed Vote Centers in Pima County are either already ADA compliant by the structure of their premises or with help from the Elections Department. An appropriately sized ramp will be provided, an ADA compliant door handle accessory for ease of opening the door, and a Ballot Call, which works much like a portable doorbell if necessary so the poll workers can open the door if it proves to be too heavy for the voter.

Elections took public transportation into consideration when choosing Vote Centers. Most of the Vote Centers in metro Tucson are on major streets with bus routes running along those streets. Bus and bike routes will be provided on the Vote Center Map. The initial draft will soon be available through the Elections Department website.

All the proposed Vote Centers will have restrooms for both the poll workers and voters.

All the Vote Centers will have a break area for poll workers.

All the Vote Centers will have enough outlets or power strips to provide power to all the electronic voting equipment.

Locations in the Catalina Foothills are under review. The Foothills has a large population but very few buildings that are available for use as Vote Centers.

The Elections Department has ensured that the polling locations nearing the Pascua Yaqui Tribe were kept as Vote Centers. We have several Vote Centers to accommodate our voters in the south, southwest and west sides of Pima County giving more access to the communities with limited transportation and resources.

The Elections Department has added Vote Centers to the initial list of Vote Centers provided the Board of Supervisor on February 15, bringing the total of currently proposed sites to 124. (Attached)

Again, all the Vote Centers in rural areas have been kept at their historical polling places.
Review of Proposed Centers and Opportunity for Public Comment

It is proposed that the Board of Supervisors consider final adoption of the Vote Center locations at their meeting on April 19. During the month of March, staff will share the current, tentatively proposed list of Vote Centers with the public in a variety of ways. The draft list of proposed Vote Centers will be sent to the following entities for their review, consideration, and input:

- **Cities/Towns/Regions**
  - City of Tucson
  - Town of Marana
  - Town of Oro Valley
  - Town of Sahuarita
  - Pascua Yaqui Tribe
  - Tohono O’odham Nation
  - Vail area, Ajo, Green Valley, Pictured Rocks, Avra Valley, Arivaca, Mt. Lemmon, Tanque Verde, Catalina, etc. via community councils or other established organizations

- **Elected Officials**
  - Senate Offices
  - Congressional Offices
  - All elected State Offices
  - All State and County Courts and Court officers including Justices of the Peace and Constables
  - All elected County offices
  - Pima Community College
  - Fire Districts
  - School Districts
  - Water Districts
  - Improvement Districts
  - Candidates who have submitted their paperwork for 2022

- **Political Parties**
  - Republican
  - Democrat
  - Libertarian
  - Green

- **Community Organizations**
  - League of Women Voters
  - AFL-CIO
  - All Chambers of Commerce
  - SAHBA
  - CPLC
In addition, the list will be provided on the Pima County website and the public will have the opportunity to comment via this location.

The draft list and the ways in which the public may comment will be distributed through all broadcast and social media venues.

Staff welcomes all suggestions for expanded distribution and enhanced communication regarding the location of the Vote Centers for the 2022 elections.

Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
    Mark Napier, Assistant County Administrator
    Mark B. Evans, Director, Communications Office
    Bob Meredith, Director, Pima County Wireless Integrated Network
**100** 1 St. Odilia Catholic Church 7570 N Paseo Del Norte 7570 N Paseo Del Norte PARISH HALL 1,000 TUCSON AZ 85704 520-297-7271

**101** 2 ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 8051 E BROADWAY BOULEVARD 8051 E BROADWAY BOULEVARD BRUMMETT HALL 2,444 TUCSON AZ 85710 520-296-6149

**102** 3 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH 5150 N Valley View Road 5150 N Valley View Road MULTIPURPOSE HALL 1,700 TUCSON AZ 85718 520-577-8780

**103** 3 VALENCIA BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARY 202 W VALENCIA ROAD 202 W VALENCIA ROAD LARGE MEETING ROOM 1,221 TUCSON AZ 85706 520-694-5390

**104** 4 FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH EAST 4845 E GOLF LINKS ROAD 4845 E GOLF LINKS ROAD FELLOWSHIP HALL 1,500 TUCSON AZ 85746 520-792-3558

**105** 1 The Church of Latter Day Saints 55 W Arrowsmith Drive 55 W Arrowsmith Drive CULTURAL HALL 2,961 ORO VALLEY AZ 85755 520-526-4000

**106** 4 The Springs at Santa Rita 951 W Via Rio Fuerte 951 W Via Rio Fuerte The Anza 1,500-2,000 GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614 520-625-3440

**107** 2 SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6045 E LA VISTA ROAD 6045 E LA VISTA ROAD FELLOWSHIP HALL 1,400 TUCSON AZ 85712 520-883-6767

**108** 3 Tucson Estates 5900 W Western Way Circle 5900 W Western Way Circle MULTIPURPOSE HALL 1,700 TUCSON AZ 85713 520-883-1440

**109** 4 VUSD - Cienega High School 12775 E Mary Ann Cleveland Way P.O BOX 800 LIBRARY 609 TUCSON AZ 85712 520-879-2457

**110** 3 Tucson FOP Lodge #1 3445 N Dodge Boulevard 3445 N Dodge Boulevard Hall 1,500-2,000 TUCSON AZ 85716 520-795-2101

**111** 1 St. John on the Desert Presbyteran Church 2695 N HOOFTON ROAD 2695 N HOOFTON ROAD FELLOWSHIP HALL 1,500 TUCSON AZ 85746 520-749-3615

**112** 3 VALENCIA BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARY 202 W VALENCIA ROAD 202 W VALENCIA ROAD LARGE MEETING ROOM 1,221 TUCSON AZ 85706 520-694-5390

**113** 4 VUSD - Copper Ridge Elementary School 17650 S Canyon Edge Trail P.O BOX 800 LIBRARY 625 VAIL AZ 85641 520-879-2500

**114** 4 VUSD - Desert Sky Middle School 9850 E Rankin Loop P.O BOX 800 GYM FOYER 800 VAIL AZ 85641 520-762-2500

**115** 4 VUSD - Ocotillo Ridge Elementary School 10170 South White Lightning Lane P.O BOX 800 LIBRARY 600 VAIL AZ 85641 520-879-3600

**116** 3 WHY DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 341 S SONOITA WAY, HIGHWAY 85 SOUTH P.O BOX 69 WHY COMMUNITY BUILDING 700 AJO AZ 85321 520-387-7641

**117** 3 Sells District Office Arizona Highway 86 and Mile Post 112 P.O BOX 910 CONFERENCE ROOM 600 SELLS AZ 85634 520-383-2281

**118** 3 Schuk Toak District Office Highway 86, Mile Post 126.5 P.O BOX 368 DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM 600 SELLS AZ 85634 520-383-4660

**119** 1 Westward Look Resort 245 E Ina Road 245 E Ina Road Sonoran Ballroom 1,500-2,000 TUCSON AZ 85704 520-917-2927

**120** 3 SUSD - Summit View Elementary School 1900 E SUMMIT STREET 2238 E GINTER ROAD CAFETERIA 800-1,000 TUCSON AZ 85706 520-940-0461

**121** 3 GracePointe: An Evangelical Free Church | Elementary and Preschool 2555 W Valencia Road 2555 W Valencia Road N/A TUCSON AZ 85712 520-937-5230

**122** 3 WHY DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 341 S SONOITA WAY, HIGHWAY 85 SOUTH P.O BOX 69 WHY COMMUNITY BUILDING 700 AJO AZ 85321 520-387-7641

**123** 3 LIVING FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER 4108 E NORTH STREET 4108 E NORTH STREET FELLOWSHIP HALL TUCSON AZ 85712 520-722-2217

**124** 3 Rosemont Ranch, Thurber Division 11300 E Greaterville Rd, two miles west of Highway 83 5255 E WILLIAMS CIRCLE STE # 106 VOTING ROOM 1,512 TUCSON AZ 85711 520-455-5210