



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 18, 2022

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

From: Jan Leshner 
Acting County Administrator

Re: **Arizona Independent Redistricting Committee Voter Precinct Splits**

Recently the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) tentatively approved new congressional and legislative districts. Similar to the last IRC effort 10 years ago, the Commission's new districts split voter precincts. As a result, the Elections Department, with the assistance of the IT Department, is reviewing each split and creating a number of new precincts to align with the new districts. These precincts will require approval by the Board of Supervisors and will then be transmitted to the Recorder's Office so that the Recorder can notify voters of their new precincts and districts in preparation for this 2022 election cycle. The Recorder's Office will be sending out new voter registration cards to the 625,000 registered voters, countywide, which will detail each voter's new congressional and legislative districts.

Voter precincts are also the building blocks for Board of Supervisor/Pima Community College redistricting, and therefore the sooner these minor precinct additions can be approved, the better. The Board appointed Redistricting Advisory Committee will be encouraged not to split voter precincts and to complete their task of recommending revised districts to the Board in April so that the Board can approve them in May. The Recorder's Office has requested that no changes be made to the voter registration system after that in order to prepare for the 2022 election cycle. Early voting for the primaries begins on July 6. The Elections Department, Recorder's Office, IT Department and Communications Office are working together to coordinate communications to inform the public of these important changes.

Final approval of the new congressional and legislative districts by the IRC is anticipated at their next meeting scheduled for January 18. The Elections Department is aiming to transmit these minor voter precinct additions to the Board for the February 1 Board meeting.

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c: The Honorable Gabriella Cázares-Kelly, Pima County Recorder
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