



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 10, 2015

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **2016 Presidential Preference Election Cost**

Attached is an April 6, 2015 memorandum (Attachment 1) from the Recorder regarding anticipated costs for the 2016 Presidential Preference Election (PPE). Also attached (Attachment 2) is a report regarding the costs associated with establishing and operating polling places during a PPE.

We have examined how to reduce these costs by opening 30 vote centers, primarily at our libraries. The cost differential between 30 voting centers and operating 124 polling locations is \$100,000. Hence, it is likely we will conduct the 2016 PPE using 124 polling locations. The cost of the 2016 PPE is estimated to be \$1,017,264 for the Elections Department and \$630,910 for the voter registration function of the Recorder; a grand total of \$1,648,174.

The maximum reimbursement, if funding is available, would be no more than \$399,058. Therefore, the net cost to Pima County taxpayers to conduct the 2016 PPE is 1,249,116.

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Attachments

c: The Honorable F. Ann Rodriguez, Recorder
Ellen Wheeler, Assistant County Administrator
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chuck Huckleberry
Pima County Administrator

FROM: F. Ann Rodriguez 
Pima County Recorder

RE: Projected Costs for the Presidential Preference Election

DATE: April 6, 2015

Your Memo dated April 3, 2015 requested that we provide an estimate of the costs to conduct the Presidential Preference Election in 2016.

Our fiscal year 2015/16 budget included our estimate of the costs for that election. We budgeted \$630,910.00. The breakdown of the costs is as follows:

Early ballot package materials:	\$ 57,650
Ballot assembly costs:	\$369,900
Postage:	\$157,560
Temporary Help:	\$ 44,800
Motor Pool:	\$ 1,000

Please note that we use the PPE as a training process for our intermittent election aides in order to prepare them for the fall Primary and Presidential Election cycles. If the PPE is cancelled, we would still need to budget \$26,800 for temporary help in order to conduct the required training.

You also asked us to calculate expected revenue. The Legislature budgeted \$1.25 per registered voter as total reimbursement to each county. However, we have not had time to review the entire budget bills to see if this was modified or which department it was allocated to. Currently there are 172,825 registered Democrats and 146,418 registered Republicans in Pima County. At \$1.25 each, the maximum reimbursement would be \$399,058.00. I did not include the registered Libertarians or Green Party because normally they do not run candidates in the PPE.

ATTACHMENT 2

2016 PPE COST ESTIMATE 30 VOTE CENTERS/LIBRARIES

Deputy 5 pm - 2 am 9 hours x \$45		\$405.00
Troubleshooters 16 x \$300		\$4,800.00
Class Car \$35 x 5		\$175.00
3 vans for election day 3 x \$75		\$225.00
Class Van 5 x \$75		\$375.00
Cars for election day 8 x \$60		\$480.00
24 ft truck \$125 x 8		\$1,000.00
4 people staying in Ajo \$80 x 4 + \$30 x 4 for per diem		\$440.00
4 IT people working 8 weeks @ 13 per hour		\$16,640.00
5 warehouse working 8 weeks @ 12 per hour		\$19,200.00
1 Office person working 2 weeks @ 12 per hour		\$480.00
12 Central Receiving people @ \$160.00		\$1,920.00
11 Inspection @ \$160.00		\$1,760.00
24 provisional @ 160.00		\$3,840.00
Hotels - general costs		\$6,176.00
Class Help 5 days @ \$12 per hour		\$610.00
Poll Workers 14 poll workers per library x 30 libraries		\$52,200.00
Library Employees @ \$20 per hours with overtime x 30 libraries		\$61,200.00
Overtime - class times, election night, weekend before and hand count audit		\$15,450.00
Printing		\$326,000.00
Early Ballot Processing - 43 people @ 13 per hour for 80 hours and 24 hours OT		\$377,884.00
Polling place in Vail		\$500.00
ES&S programming TSX		\$6,000.00
Office supplies		\$4,000.00
Advertising		\$150.00
Hand Count Auditors		\$450.00
TOTAL		\$902,360.00

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2016 PPE COST ESTIMATE 124 POLLING PLACES

	A	B	C
1	Polling Places 124 x \$50		\$6,200.00
2	Poll Workers 8 x 124		\$146,320.00
3	Early Ballot Processing		\$377,884.00
4	Hotels for Class		\$13,000.00
5	Class Car		\$350.00
6	Class Van		\$750.00
7	Deputies at Receiving		\$2,475.00
8	Deputies for pickup		\$4,320.00
9	1 Deputy for elections 5 pm - 2 am		\$405.00
10	Troubleshooters 40 @ \$300		\$12,000.00
11	Troubleshooter cars 20 x \$60		\$1,200.00
12	IT temps 4 for 8 weeks @ 13		\$16,640.00
13	Warehouse 8 for 8 weeks @ 12		\$30,720.00
14	Office 2 for 10 weeks @ 13		\$10,400.00
15	4 people in Ajo + per diem		\$440.00
16	40 Central Receiving @ \$160		\$6,400.00
17	21 Inspection Board @ \$160		\$3,360.00
18	24 Provisional Board @ \$160		\$3,840.00
19	Class help 80 hours @ \$12		\$960.00
20	Manuals		\$15,000.00
21	Overtime		\$30,000.00
22	Office Supplies		\$8,000.00
23	Printing/postage/freight (2 x's 2012)		\$326,000.00
24	Advertising		\$150.00
25	Hand Count Auditors		\$450.00
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27	TOTAL		\$1,017,264.00