MEMORANDUM

Date: October 17, 2014

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
    County Administrator

Re: Continental Elementary School District Election

At the request of Pima County School Superintendent Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, the Pima County Elections Department will issue a separate ballot for the Continental Elementary School District (CESD) Governing Board election in order to correct a printing error related to the CESD election on the November general election ballots. The School Superintendent is the chief election official for all school district elections and has the authority to request a separate ballot under A.R.S. § 15-422.

The existing general election ballots erroneously indicate that voters may “vote for three” individuals for the CESD; when, in fact, the ballots should say “vote for two.” The separate ballot will be issued to voters at the polls in addition to the full ballot for all other state, federal and local elections. The separate ballot will also be mailed to all early voters in the CESD, and they will receive letters from the School Superintendent explaining the need for them to use the separate CESD ballot. Other efforts will be made to communicate through the media and at polling places with all CESD voters.

The School Superintendent has determined that using a separate ballot is the best way to correct the problem while maximizing the opportunity for voters to properly cast their vote at the polls or via an early ballot. As requested by the School Superintendent, the County Elections Department will report only those unofficial and official results from CESD that result from the separate CESD ballots.

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c: Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, School Superintendent
   Ellen Wheeler, Assistant County Administrator
   Brad Nelson, Elections Director