MEMORANDUM

Date: October 13, 2015

To: The Honorable Ally Miller, Member
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: Hand Count Audit of a Local County Election

In your October 7, 2015 Facebook post, you indicated I "insinuated that the 2015 ballot will not have any contested races and therefore they do not qualify for a hand count audit or any other process of recounting an election." To be clear, I did not insinuate; I made a clear statement that a hand count audit of a local election would be a violation of State law. This statement of fact was made during a public Board of Supervisors meeting.

In the material provided to the Attorney General, it is also clear this statement of fact dates from 2008 and should not come as a surprise to anyone. Conducting a hand count audit of a county local election is a violation of State law and is subject to criminal penalties, unless the Attorney General or Secretary of State indicates otherwise.

In addition, you stated in an October 9 Facebook post that "most AZ counties have an Elections department under the County Recorder..." This is incorrect. Eleven of Arizona's 15 counties have an Elections Officer or Department that are not under the County Recorder. Only four counties in Arizona have their Recorder administer county elections. In setting up this statutory process of elections administration, the Legislature contemplated the checks and balances that would occur if the duties were separated under two independent offices rather than consolidated under one office. I would appreciate your factual correction of your Facebook post regarding this matter.

CHH/anc

Attachments

c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable F. Ann Rodriguez, Pima County Recorder
Thomas Weaver, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Brad Nelson, Director, Elections Department
Economists: Pima County lagging badly in job growth

"It's just been a complete mess in Tucson for the last 10 years," economist/state advisor says.

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Steven N. Thomas  Totally agree. Why would anyone come here and pay high taxes?
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Susan Mahne  Lock no further than what's happening in Marana!
1 12 hrs

Supervisor Ally Miller, Pima County District 1
October 7 at 8:35am

"Huckleberry insinuated that the 2015 ballot will not have any contested races and therefore they do not qualify for a hand count audit or any other process of recounting an election. " A hand count audit helps to ensure the Pima County Elections Department - controlled by Huckleberry - isn't the only one to verify the election, especially a bond election he desperately wants passed.

https://arizonadailyindependent.com/.../pima-county-administ.../

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Supervisor Ally Miller, Pima County District 1  Here's a video of Chuck Huckleberry & County Attorney whispering during discussions holding a hand count audit. Shortly thereafter Huckleberry cited statute saying it would be against the law to hold a hand count audit.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFstHEiOQw
Important Information: Upcoming Bond Election

In case you missed it! Here is the information I sent out regarding the upcoming Bond election.

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Supervisor Ally Miller, Pima County District 1
October 9 at 4:20am

Did you know the Director of the Elections Department reports directly to Huckelberry & not to the County Recorder? Most AZ counties have an Elections department under the County Recorder but in Pima County, the Elections Dept. falls directly under Huckelberry.

http://tucson.com/.../article_dt6726cb57-ec51-522a-8dd3-f7f53...

County asks for state input on request to hand-count some ballots

An election commission asked for the count in September for one of the bond election questions.

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Dennis Diane Anderson
Ugh. ...I didn't know - but I'm not surprised. Huckelberry's smarter than the average bear. Too bad he's more interested in pushing his own agenda than doing what's right for Pima County citizens.

Tonya Boclan
That has to change we already know that huckleberry can't be trusted

Mike Auvil
Why have the bond elections? Don't we already know the results?

King huck rules Pima county.