MEMORANDUM

Date: September 8, 2016

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
       County Administrator

Re: Pima County 2016 Primary Election and Upcoming General Election

For the most recent Primary Election, 176,450 ballots were cast out of 509,310 eligible voters, indicating the voter turnout was 34.6 percent. This compares favorably to the Statewide average turnout of 29 percent. Of the total ballots cast, 149,826 were early ballots which is approximately 85 percent of the total ballots cast. On Primary Election Day polling place ballots were 26,624 or 15 percent of the total ballots cast.

For the municipal elections in South Tucson and the Towns of Marana, Sahuarita and Oro Valley, all elected seats were filled in the Primary and there will be no runoff election in November 2016.

The only additional work required for this election by the County was an additional 100 man hours for retaining the ballot images for the Primary Election, as agreed to in a stipulation related to a lawsuit regarding ballot image retention and use.

For the General Election, we expect the voter turnout to be substantially different. In 2008 the voter turnout for the Presidential Election was 79.3 percent, in 2012 it was 77.8 percent. We expect a similar or greater turnout for 2016 which means approximately 410,000 total ballots will be cast and, of those, 105,00 will likely occur at the polling places.

To avoid potential lines at the polling places, the Elections Department is mailing the attached flyer to all households with an eligible voter who is not on the early ballot list. Early voting will begin on October 12, 2016 and we expect to canvass the General Election at the November 22, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

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Attachment

c: The Honorable F. Ann Rodriguez, Pima County Recorder
    Ellen Wheeler, Assistant County Administrator
    Brad Nelson, Director, Elections Department
Why wait in line to Vote?

Skip the line.
Request your early ballot today!
Why wait in line, when you can vote early?

Join the thousands of Pima County voters who have signed up to receive early ballots for the Nov. 8 General Election. Registered voters have until October 28 to submit their requests.

Early ballots save time.
Those who receive an early ballot do not have to wait in line on Election Day to have their information verified. The Recorder’s Office has done this ahead of time.

Early voting makes you a more-informed voter.
Those who receive an early ballot can see what they’re voting on and take the time necessary to research the candidates and issues at hand.

Early voting is convenient.
Early voters can return their ballots by mail or in person ahead of time or wait until Election Day.

ACT FAST! The Nov. 8 General Election is right around the corner.

Request an early ballot by Oct. 28

For more information about early voting, contact the
Pima County Recorder’s Office at 520-724-4330.
Out of town residents may call 1-800-775-7462 and ask for extension 44330.

¿Para qué esperar, si puede votar ahora?
Únase a los miles de votantes del Condado Pima que están inscritos en el proceso de votación temprana para la Elección General del 8 de noviembre. Las personas registradas para votar en esta elección tienen hasta el 28 de octubre para pedir su boleta electoral.

Las boletas tempranas ahorrarán tiempo.
Los que reciben una boleta temprana no tienen que esperar en fila el día de la elección para que su información sea verificada. La Oficina de Registros hace esto antes de tiempo.
El Voto Temprano te hace un votante más informado.
Aquellas personas que reciben una boleta temprana pueden tomarse el tiempo necesario para investigar sobre los candidatos y las propuestas de la elección.

Votar Temprano es conveniente.
Los votantes que solicitaron una boleta temprana, pueden regresar su boleta electoral por correo o en persona antes del 8 de noviembre.

¡NO ESPERES! La Elección General del 8 de noviembre está próxima.
Solicita tu boleta temprana antes del 28 de octubre