

Report on my visit to the Recorder's Office

The Recorder met with us and showed us around. She was very open and answered our questions easily. I did not have the 27 questions with me, so I did not ask those specific questions, just general ones. The Recorder covered probably most of the questions in her comments before we asked questions.

- 1) Has there been progress in clarifying the DMV form on the voter registration portion as was discussed the last time you were here? This was a specific point brought up and the answer is that the Recorder's Office has no information on what DMV is doing, or has done.
- 2) How many are registered as of now in Pima County for a Federal ballot only? The number given was about 350 but the Recorder did not have the exact number at hand and when she offered to do some research to find the exact number, we declined.
- 3) What percentage of Federal only and Federal and State registrants are Federal only registrants? Simple math, there are just under 500,000 registered voters in Pima County and about 350 were Federal Only; thus, the percentage is: 0.07% roughly.
- 4) How many voted in 2016 General Election on a Federal Only ballot? No idea, although Brad did answer this question in a previous meeting.
- 5) How close to an election can someone register on a Federal Only registration? The law makes no distinction between Federal Only and Regular.
- 6) Is the time frame consistent with Federal and State combined registration? See answer #5.
- 7) Are we still dependent upon the Arizona DMV to ascertain the citizenship, resident alien, illegal resident status for a driver's license? Specifically, what does the Recorder's Office check to determine citizenship registration to vote in a State election (combined State and Federal registration) – does the Arizona Driver's License number/information still tell us this status? The Arizona Driver's License still shows the status, classified as Citizen of Foreign, and the Registrar uses that.

- 8) Does the Recorder routinely check age for active voter registration? Is there a trigger such as 100 years of age? The Recorder's Office gets death notices from the Health Department monthly. They also scan newspapers and get notices from other States. There is a check for the elderly, but I do not remember what the trigger is. The dead voter's registration is kept in a file that is easily accessed when the ballot is checked, for a specific period, and then the data is stored in a permanent file that takes a little more work to access, but the data is never deleted.
- 9) What other methods are used to root out possibly invalid voter some checks they use when a ballot is questionable, especially for those in nursing homes etc.
- 10) Is it the Recorder or the SOS who crosschecks current registrations with other States looking for dual registrations? As I remember, it is the SOS.
- 11) What data fields are included in the voter registration data given to Ndata for these fields including, for example, party registration and election participation? If so, how far back do the data go? Not asked of the Registrar, I know this from my work with the Libertarian Party; the supplied data, from the Registrar not the State, is the complete data set from the registration. The data includes the party registration history, for three cycles. It does not, as I remember, include if the voter voted.
- 12) What is the core set of voter registration data needed to conduct an election? How does this core data differ from the data given to the political parties? Not asked, but as the parties are given everything, if the core is less that would be the difference.
- 13) What legal or customary restrictions are there on the use of voter registration data? Not asked.
- 14) How long can recipients keep and use the data? Not asked.
- 15) Do either of the parties ever ask you to verify or correct data that they have received? Not sure who you mean here. If me as an individual, I have never been asked by any of the FOUR political parties. If you mean the Registrar, I do not remember if the point was brought up.
- 16) The SOS said recently that the voter registration data cannot be sold and can be used only for political purposes. Do recipients of these data make a written commitment to follow written or customary guidelines in using the data? Do they file a chain of custody report to you or the SOS?

Not asked of the Registrar, but from my experience in the Libertarian Party, the answer to each is no.

- 17) Isn't common knowledge that both of the major political parties sell voter registration data within their parties throughout the State and Nationally and exchange data for money and data Nationally within their parties and with National polling firms? Questions not asked of the Registrar. I do know from my Libertarian Party experience that State Law requires the party to sell data (they cannot give it) to any political campaign.
- 18) Does any person or organization in Arizona receive voter registration data on behalf of independent voters? No, only political parties can receive that data.
- 19) What are the going rates for voter registration data sets in Pima County for State and National Legislative elections and Governor and President? Not asked. Not sure I understand the question.
- 20) Does Pima County use any segment of its voter registration data for commercial purposes? For example, to verify the address of a party in a real estate or other market transaction? Not specifically asked but from comments the Registrar made, no.
- 21) If a citizen petitioned you in writing to opt out of the official voter registration data sets given to the parties, would you do it? Please explain how or why not. Not asked specifically but the Registrar mentioned that State Law prevented anyone from opting out.
- 22) What is Pima County's current position on the Project Vote settlement with Maricopa County and the SOS's decision to not co-operate with the Kobach Commission? Not asked, or if it was, I do not remember the answer.
- 23) How do you protect citizens who seek to be anonymous for legitimate legal or personal reason against inadvertent violation of their privacy? Voter registration is a public record. The data is kept in equipment that is not connected to any other equipment. To obtain the data requires deliberate action on an employee's part. The data cannot be released otherwise.
- 24) What voter registration and voting period data could Pima County sell legally that might involve real-time reporting of trends or reports on turnout for Democrats, Independents and Republicans? What would the

price be? Not asked but from comments the Recorder made, such selling would be against the law.

- 25) Do you think that the County should act more like a private information vender in managing elections? Please explain. How much money do you think could be raised that way to reduce the need for taxation to fund elections? Not asked.
- 26) Do you think online vendors of voter registration data and related official and unofficial data sets should be regulated in any way? How reliable do you think their data are? Not asked.
- 27) Please bring any official reports the Recorder has to submit to Federal agencies. Did not remember to ask for them. We were not at her office where such reports would be kept.