B. ELECTION INTEGRITY ISSUES AND ACTIONS

Staff recommends the following:

1. Appoint Dr. John Moffatt, Office of Strategic Technology Planning, as the individual to observe the installation and modification of any election management software or computer programs used for County election administrative purposes, and designate the County's Chief Information Officer as a substitute if Dr. Moffatt is unavailable.

2. Direct for advertising the proposed ordinance requiring fingerprinting and criminal history records check on prospective and current employees, to include only those individuals employed in the Elections Division and Recorder's Office who are responsible for or involved in the conduct of an election in Pima County.

3. Authorize and approve the job classifications of Deputy Director of Elections, Compliance Officer and Training Officer for the Division of Elections, and approve the selection process and panel composition as identified.

4. Develop, in consultation with the political parties of Pima County, a standard procedure for the turnover of future election databases at the time of approval of the official canvass for that election.

5. Direct the Elections Director and, if necessary, County Administrator to meet monthly with all political party chairs to improve communications and to ensure the efficient, effective, as well as secure conduct of elections in Pima County.

6. Ask the political party chairs or their representatives to review County procedures related to early ballot tabulation and precinct level modem result transmission to determine if appropriate modifications are necessary, and implement said modifications if there is unanimous agreement among the political parties and technical experts that modifications will not compromise election vote tabulation or make election outcomes less secure.

7. Direct the County Administrator, in cooperation with the Director of Elections and the County Recorder, to establish a series of controls that ensure the accountability of all ballots and votes cast.

8. Direct the County Administrator, in cooperation with the Director of Elections and the County Recorder, to establish a series of controls that document the chain of custody for ballots as well as equipment used in an election as required by H.B. 2451.

9. Establish an Election Integrity Commission and appoint representatives at the earliest possible date.

10. Double the number of precincts for hand counting verification over the minimum prescribed by law.

11. Direct the County Administrator and Dr. John Moffatt to employ two independent, nationally accredited testing firms or laboratories to independently validate the integrity of software systems and databases used for each election.