Agenda Item

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To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors  
From: Constance Hargrove  
Elections Director  

Re: Proposed Vote Center locations for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election and the November 8, 2022 General Election.

The criteria used when choosing vote center locations was the following:

1. room dimensions of 2000 square feet
2. free parking
3. ADA compliant
4. close to public transportation
5. restrooms for both poll workers and voters
6. breakroom for poll workers
7. electrical outlets
8. close to population centers
9. close to language minority communities
10. close to low-income communities
11. traditional polling places

The Elections Department attempted to find polling locations with all 11 of these criteria. This was not always possible. For example, traditional polling places in remote locations tend to be smaller and where public transportation is not available.

Originally, the Elections Department identified 100 vote center locations. After recommendations from the Pima County Board of Supervisors, the number of vote centers was increased to 129. This list of 129 locations was made available for public review and input. Voters requested that Kirk – Bear Canyon Public Library be added to the list due to its location and accessibility. To accommodate this change the vote center at La Mariposa Resort was replaced with the Kirk – Bear Canyon Public Library facility.

Thirteen of the polling locations were not available for both the Primary and General Elections. These locations were replaced with others in proximity to the original locations. Two additional locations were replaced due to voter access issues.
Additional Information:

The transition from precinct based polling places to vote centers is progressing.

**E-Poll Book Software:** The Pima County specific workflows and data have been imported into the E-Poll book software. Elections Department employees are learning how to navigate the system and are updating data. The Elections Department is also running voting simulations on the E-Poll books to determine what improvements are needed.

**Hardware:** All of the Cradlepoint devices and 210 of the 330 iPad have arrived. We should have an example of the Ballot On Demand (BOD) printer by the end of April for testing and setup.

**Testing:** With the arrival of the Cradlepoints devices and some of the E-Poll books, we will begin testing/evaluating at the remote vote center locations. This testing will include the transition and reception of test data.

**Outreach/Feedback:** A webpage is available to the public with information about the location and operation of vote centers in Pima County. This page includes a link to provide feedback to the Elections Department. In addition, the Elections Department will have a voting experience survey available at all vote centers.

Election staff is meeting to establish backup plans to ensure the continuity of operation on Election Day.

1. Use of provisional ballots at any vote center experiencing connectivity issues.
2. Backup paper ballots available if there is a power outage that prevents ballot on demand (BOD) printers from operating.
3. Voting equipment specialists trained and assigned to each vote center.

C: Jan Lesher, County Administrator