

Elections Department Response to Administrative Review of the August 2, 2022 Primary Election

Issue Specific Findings and Recommendations

Ballot Proofing;

We agree with the recommendations and have already followed the suggested best practices for the General Election.

Ballot Ordering;

We agree with the recommendations. For this election, we ordered 110%. For the express vote machines, we are sending more than the recommended 25 ballots.

Communications Issues;

We agree with the recommendations. Staff and troubleshooters will be responding to poll workers and the public. The poll workers have direct phone numbers to Election staff. We are directing the poll workers to arrive an hour early to set up their equipment on Election Day.

Training Issues;

We agree with the recommendations. We revamped the poll worker curriculum and sent poll equipment to the training classes.

Staffing Issues;

The Elections Department has eleven staff members plus the Director along with the support of the IT department. Virginia Ross recommends that a Warehouse Manager be hired when the new elections facility is completed.

Space Issues;

Space is an issue. The current tabulation building was put into service after the 2014 elections warehouse fire with a 40 day window to facilitate the 2014 Mid-Term Election. The plan was to use the current building for ten years of service. The county grew at a faster than anticipated rate. Pinal County has drafted plans to construct a new elections facility to address the space issue.

Emergency Issues;

The county has a tabulation contingency plan filed with the Secretary of State. We agree with the rest of the recommendations.