

From: Stephen Richer (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 1:19 PM
To: Bill Gates (BOS); Zach Schira (BOS)
Cc: Darron Moffatt (MCRO); Abby Raddatz (MCRO)
Subject: statement

I am very sorry for any voter who has been frustrated or inconvenienced today in Maricopa County.

Every vote will be tabulated. I promise.

State statute has long governed the division of labor in Arizona election administration. Broadly speaking, the County Recorder is responsible for voter registration and early voting. The Board of Supervisors is responsible for Emergency Voting, Election Day operations, and tabulation.

Since becoming Recorder in 2021, I have worked hard to improve voter registration and Early Voting, while also supporting the Board's administration of Election Day operations and tabulation, as well as bolstering communications about elections holistically.

I will continue to do that today, and through the conclusion of this election. And I will continue to assist voters in any way I can.

The Board of Supervisors has now identified the problem and has begun fixing affected voting locations.

The Board of Supervisor is also advising all affected voters to do one of the following:

1. Place the ballot in "drawer 3." This secure ballot box is retrieved by bipartisan workers at the end of the evening and brought to our central tabulators. This is the same methodology used for early voting, and it is the same methodology used on Election Day by most counties (including Pima County and Yavapai County)
2. Go to a different voting location. There are 223 voting locations, and the significant majority of them are unaffected. All locations can be found at Locations.Maricopa.Vote.

As has always been the case, every valid vote will be counted.

And has always been the case, I remain committed to helping in any way I can.

Stephen Richer
Maricopa County Recorder

From: Bill Gates (BOS) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 7:16 PM
To: Spencer, Eric H.
Cc: Scott Jarrett - RISCX
Subject: RE: Maricopa County ballot processing time

Mr. Spencer,

Thank you for your email. I am replying to inform you that the Maricopa County Elections Department is operating at its peak capacity for the November 2022 General Election.

You request "that the elections department utilizes a third shift to ensure that tabulation, duplication, adjudication, and all other ballot processing activities remain running 24 hours a day, including Veterans Day, Saturday and Sunday." Our permanent and temporary employees are currently working 14-18 hour shifts each day. A third shift for these employees is not feasible. I cannot ask more of the good employees working to sort, signature verify, tabulate, and adjudicate each and every valid voter's ballot. You also request that our employees work on the Veterans Day Holiday, Saturday, and Sunday which they are already doing.

You request that "the elections department increases the number of early boards, duplication boards, and adjudication boards (including by using other geographic areas within MCTEC, live camera coverage permitting)." As you know, this late in the election cycle it would be nearly impossible to hire trained temporary and permanent staff, and trained citizens boards, to staff the functions you list. We cannot employ any person who does not have the relevant elections experience and expect the level of integrity required in these positions. Utilizing trained staff to ensure the integrity of the election process is of utmost importance to Maricopa County, as I assume it is to you and the RNC. Not only would staffing your request be impossible, we are also already utilizing the full capacity of the Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center (MCTEC) and could not support an expanded operation.

Your request, however well intended, could harm the process by pushing already fully burdened staff beyond their limits causing attrition during our most high demand period of election administration. Between this and the other variables introduced by tweaking logistics related to moving and/or expanding operations would further delay our ability to accurately complete tabulation and other relevant election processes. This is not in the best interest of the Maricopa County voter, nor your client.

As always, feel free to call me to discuss this or any other matter.

Best,

Bill Gates

From: Spencer, Eric H. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Bill Gates (BOS) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Scott Jarrett - RISCX <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Maricopa County ballot processing time

Chairman Gates,

On behalf of the Republican National Committee, I am seeking your help to alleviate the concerns of countless voters and constituents about the pace vote tabulation in Maricopa County. While fastidious signature verification remains critical, the RNC is concerned that all available steps are not being utilized to ensure tabulation, ballot processing, and results reporting remain ongoing around the clock. Thus the RNC makes two request at this time: 1) that the elections department utilizes a third shift to ensure that tabulation, duplication, adjudication, and all other ballot processing activities remain running 24 hours a day, including Veteran's Day, Saturday and Sunday; and 2) the elections department increases the number of early boards, duplication boards, and adjudication boards (including by using other geographic areas within MCTEC, live camera coverage permitting).

I am available any time to discuss. Thank you again for using all resources in this critical effort.

Very truly yours,
Eric

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From: Stephen Richer (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6:50 PM
To: Megan Gilbertson (MCRO)
Cc: Matthew Roberts (MCRO); Rey Valenzuela (MCRO); Celia Nabor (MCRO); Scott Jarrett (MCRO)
Subject: Re: Early ballot drop offs through the ages.

Thank you both.

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 15, 2022, at 3:52 PM, Megan Gilbertson (MCRO) <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Just one edit for this election below

Megan Gilbertson

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From: Matthew Roberts (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 3:34 PM
To: Rey Valenzuela (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>; Stephen Richer (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>; Megan Gilbertson (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>; Celia Nabor (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>; Scott Jarrett (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Early ballot drop offs through the ages.

Most up to date one I've got at the moment.

GUBERNATORIAL (ELECT #1389): NOV 8 2022 GENERAL: EV DROP-OFFS = 290,000* approximate

PRESIDENTIAL (ELECT #1377): NOV 3 2020 GENERAL: EV DROP-OFFS = 172,499

GUBERNATORIAL (ELECT #1341): NOV 6 2018 GENERAL: EV DROP-OFFS = 168,749

PRESIDENTIAL (ELECT #1301): NOV 8 2016 GENERAL: EV DROP-OFFS = 170,657

GUBERNATORIAL (ELECT #1256): NOV 4 2014 GENERAL: EV DROP-OFFS = 112,689

Matt Roberts

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From: Rey Valenzuela (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 1:05 PM

To: Stephen Richer (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>; Megan Gilbertson (MCRO)

<[REDACTED]>; Celia Nabor (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>;

Scott Jarrett (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Matthew Roberts (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: Early ballot drop offs through the ages.

I believe it was Matt who compiled those, so adding him to your email ask...

Reynaldo Valenzuela Jr., CERA

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From: Stephen Richer (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 12:46 PM

To: Megan Gilbertson (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>; Rey Valenzuela

(MCRO) <[REDACTED]>; Celia Nabor (MCRO)

<[REDACTED]>; Scott Jarrett (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Early ballot drop offs through the ages.

Election day early ballot drop offs. Somebody was kind enough to provide me with the numbers from GE 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 previously. Does anyone have those handy? Thank you!

From: Scott Isham (BOS) <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Clint Hickman (BOS) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 12:21 PM
To: Scott Jarrett - RISCX
Subject: FW: Nov 8 voting issues

FYI



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 7:22 AM
To: Clint Hickman (BOS) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Nov 8 voting issues

Hello Mr. Hickman,
I worked at Journey Church voting site on Nov 8, 2022.
I saw the following:
Tabulators worked 75% of the time.
Ballots were put in the tabulator several times to get accepted. Ballots were flipped, put in backwards, flipped again before it might get accepted.
We had ~1600 votes in person and ~400 were misreads and put in slot 3.

One major error by the system was for a woman born in Nebraska in 1947. She lived in Glendale AZ 30 years ago. She moved to Peoria in September and applied to vote before the election deadline, however because she changed her drivers license to her new Peoria address on Nov 4 she was denied a ballot with AZ state delegates. Her ballot only showed Federal delegates: Senate and Congress.

I called the voting hotline, which stated her citizenship was established on Nov 4. Totally unacceptable.

I will be at the MC BOS mtg on Nov 16 to share this information with the entire board.

These errors need to be resolved.

Thank you for your help,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Scott Jarrett (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 5:05 AM
To: Bill Gates (BOS); Stephen Richer (MCRO); Zach Schira (BOS); Darron Moffatt (MCRO); Abby Raddatz (MCRO)
Cc: Rey Valenzuela (MCRO)
Subject: FW: Amazing Poll Workers @ PVCC and Islamic Center

Good Morning!

Happy Election Day! We already have some of our voting locations coming online. 😊

Blue is good....

- Blue Printers = Test Prints Completed
- Blue SiteBooks / Unlocked = Logged In

Thank you,
Scott

From: Scott Jarrett (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 5:02 AM
To: Hotline Group <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Amazing Poll Workers @ PVCC and Islamic Center

Look at those early bird poll workers at Islamic Center East Valley and PVCC! Love it!

ISLAMIC CENTER OF THE EAST VALLEY, TS# 14 (0108, 0197, 0402, 0722,...

Islamic Center East Valley 15717*

PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TS# 4 (0023, 0617, 0667, 0841)

Paradise Valley Comm College 12103*

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America First Legal Foundation

From: Stephen Richer (MCRO) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Rey Valenzuela (MCRO); Scott Jarrett (MCRO); Megan Gilbertson (MCRO); Matthew Roberts (MCRO); Fields Moseley (OOC)
Cc: Bill Gates (BOS); Zach Schira (BOS); Darron Moffatt (MCRO); Abby Raddatz (MCRO)
Subject: Ballot totals.

Unable to currently reconcile SOS listing with our estimates from yesterday.

Ours:

Friday-Sunday: 86,000
Monday: 52,000
Drawer 3: 17,000
ED drop offs: 291,000
Provisional: 8,000

= 454,000

(Minus)

Posted last night: 62,000

= 392,000

From SOS:

Remaining ballots according to SOS website: 407,664

So there's a 15,000 difference somewhere.

Thanks!

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