2018 Midterm Elections Debrief

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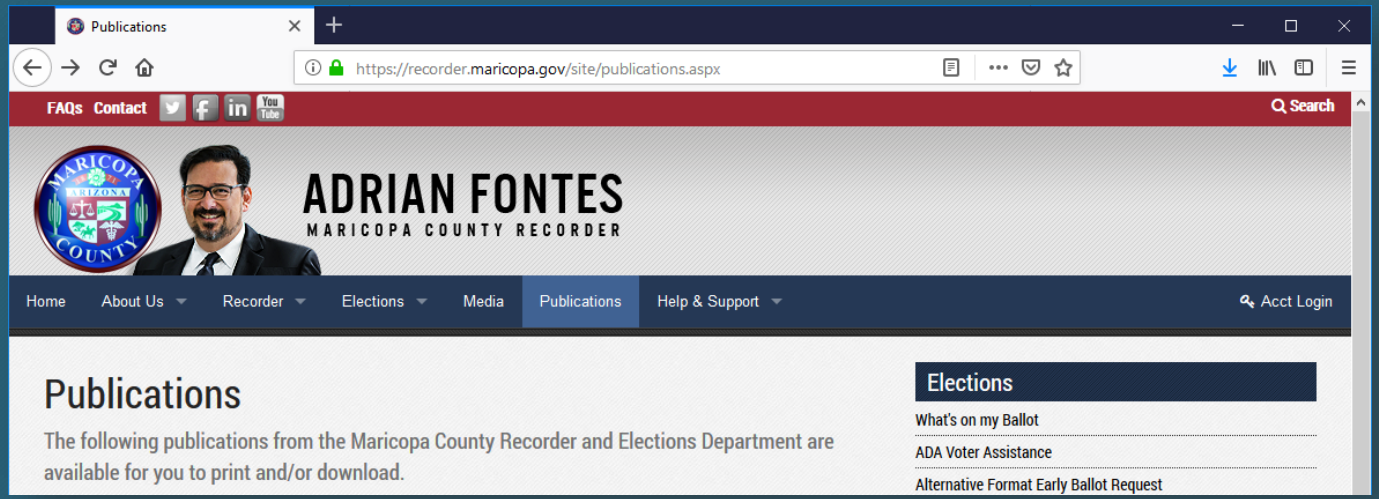
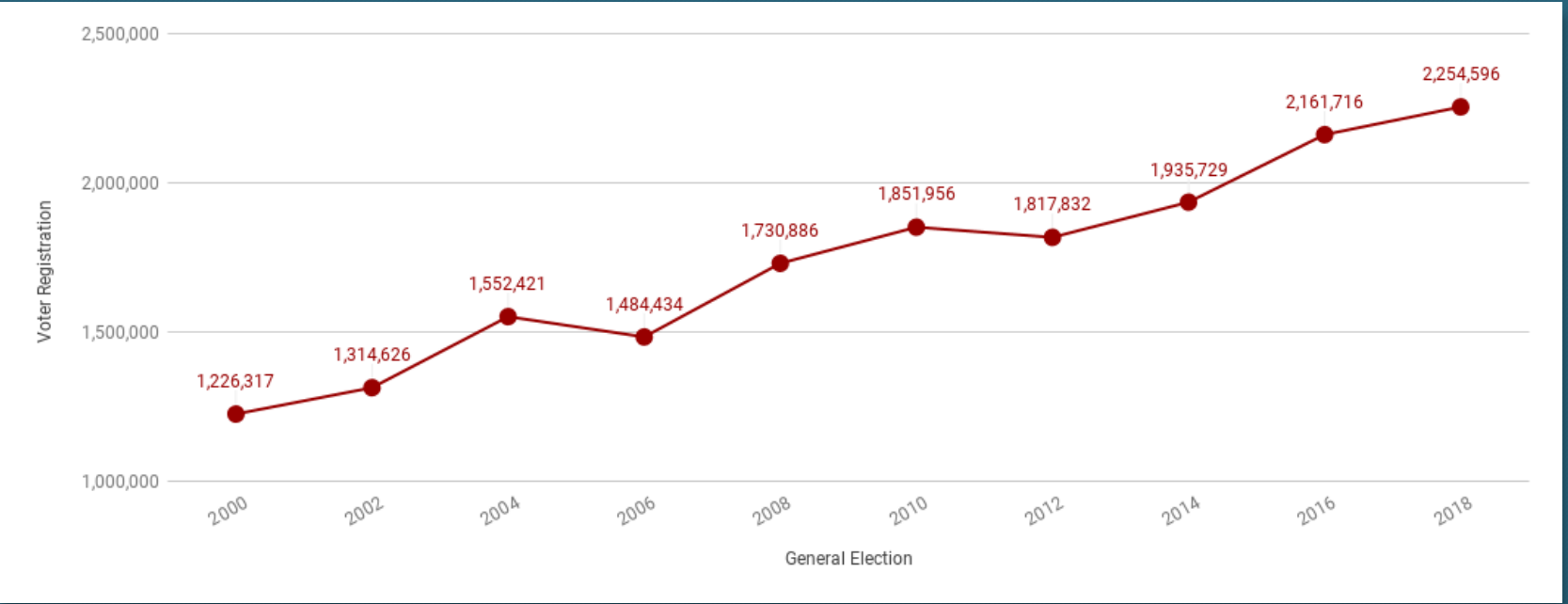


Coming Soon: 2018 Midterm Elections Report

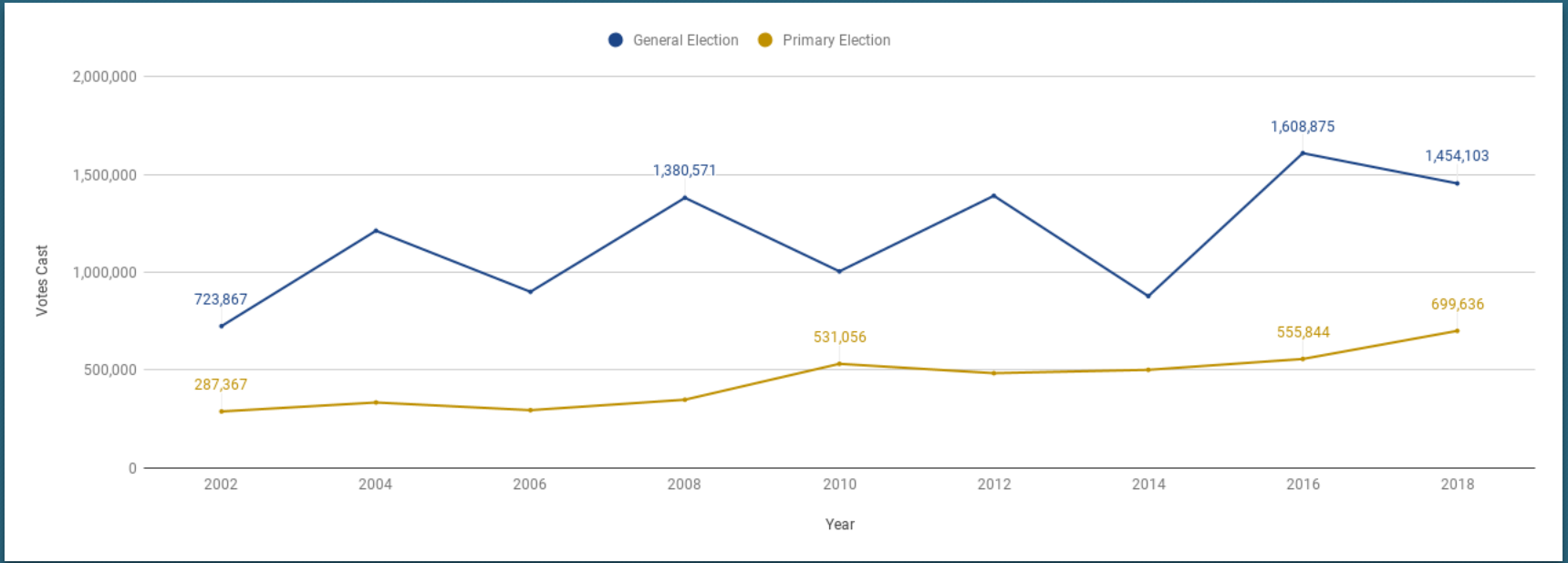
2018 Midterm Elections in Context

Maricopa County from past to present…



Voter Registration Totals for General Elections

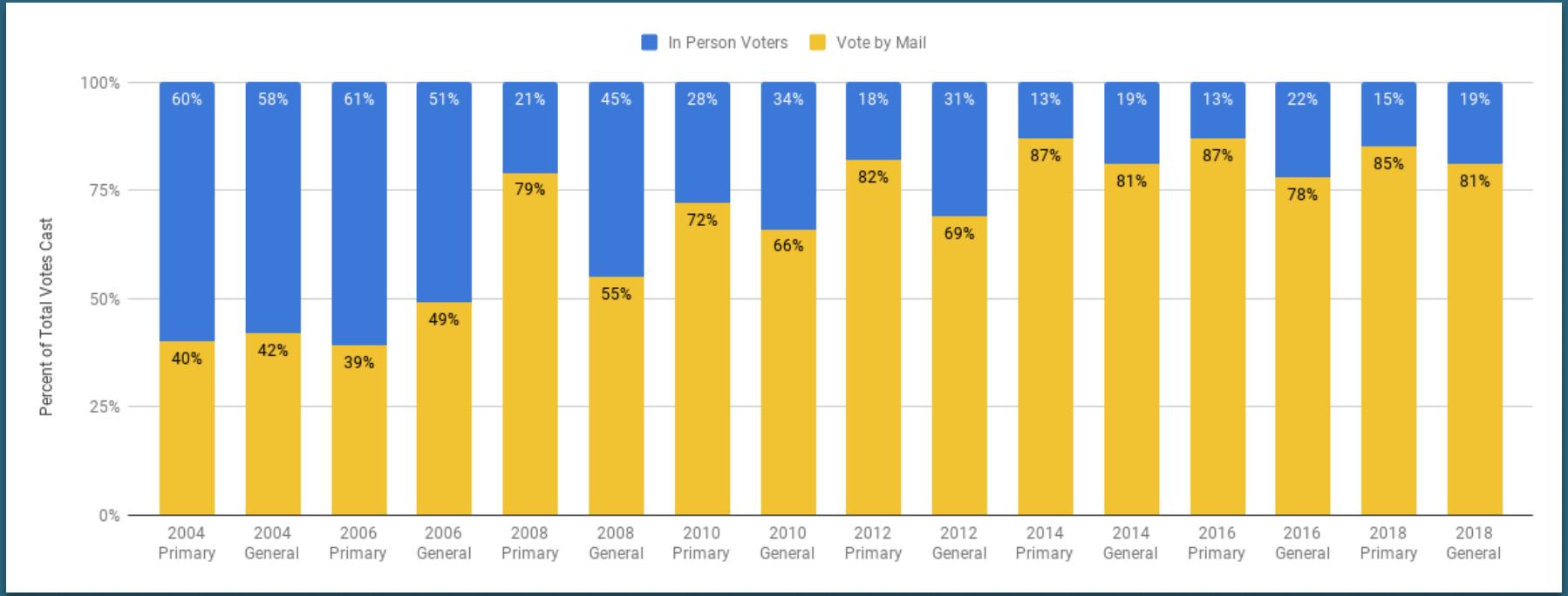
Maricopa County is growing and so is the number of registered voters.



Election Turnout by number of Votes Cast

2018 saw the largest number of Primary Ballots cast ever.

The General Election turnout was only second to 2016, a Presidential year.



Vote by Mail versus In-Person Votes

This chart compares the type of vote cast as a percent of overall turnout. Turnout is the number of votes cast in a given election.

In-Person refers to voters who cast a ballot on Election Day at a Polling Location, Vote by Mail refers to voters who voted early using a mail-in ballot or cast a ballot at an Early Voting location.

2018 Midterm Elections by the Numbers

More details will be included in the post-election report to be released soon.

2018 Midterm Turnout by the Numbers

2018 Elections	Total Turnout	Vote by Mail	In-Person Voters
Primary	699,636 31%	598,154 85%	101,482 15%
General	1,454,103 64%	1,184,261 81%	269,842 19%

Total Turnout: Number of voters who cast a ballot in a given election as a percent of the total registered voters.

Vote by Mail: Number of ballots cast by mail in ballot or at early voting locations as a percent of total turnout.

In-Person Voters: Number of ballots cast on Election Day at a voting location as a percent of total turnout.

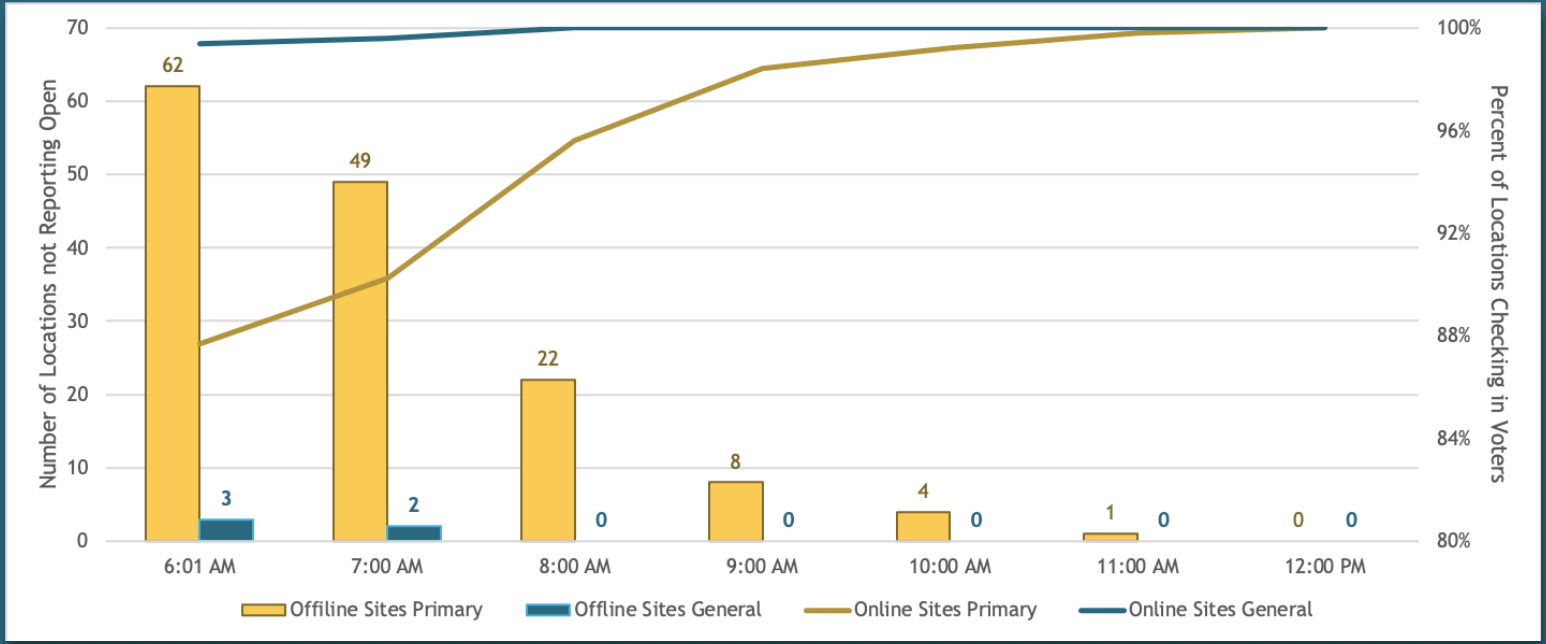
2018 Election Workers by the Numbers

	Boardworkers, Vote Center Workers, & Troubleshooters	Temporary Employees & Central Boardworkers	Maricopa County Employees from other Departments
Primary	2,535	254	no data
General	3,165	850+	360+

Emergency Voting in the 2018 Midterm Elections

ARS 16-542 H. *As a result of an emergency occurring between 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday preceding the election and 5:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election, qualified electors may request to vote early in the manner prescribed by the county recorder of their respective county. For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency" means any unforeseen circumstances that would prevent the elector from voting at the polls.*

	Locations	Number of Voters	Percent of Total Voters
Primary	4	98	0.004%
General	5	2,788	0.122%



Polling Location Opening Status Report for the 2018 Midterm Elections

This is a snap shot of the 503 locations open in the Primary and 501 open in the General Election.

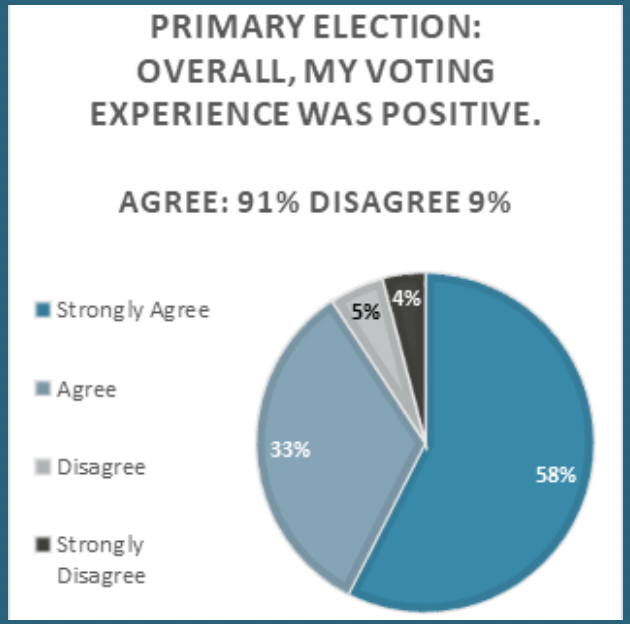
After opening, all locations remained open until 7pm.

2018 Midterm Elections Voter Feedback

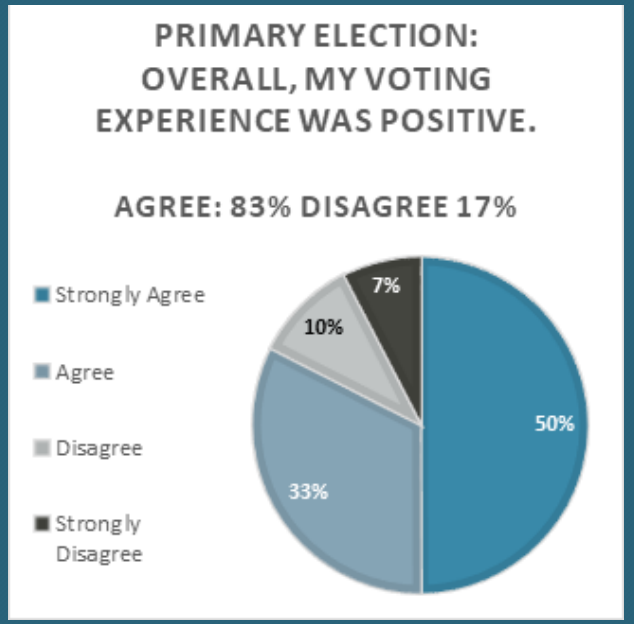
The results of the post-election voter surveys.

2018 Primary Election Voters: Overall, my voting experience was positive.

Early Voters: 29,945 responses

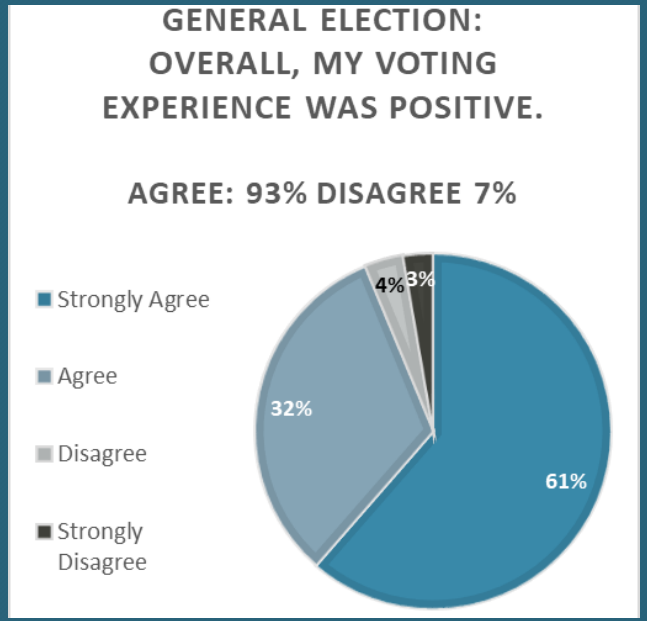


In-Person Voters: 1,071 responses

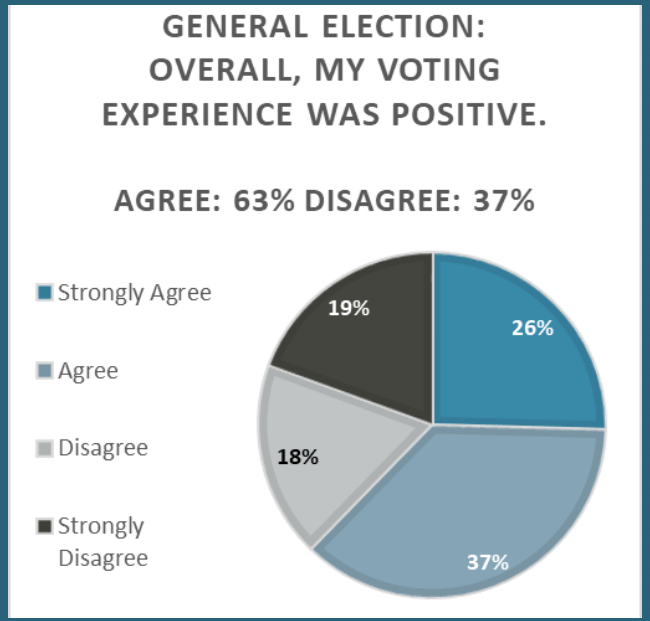


2018 General Election:
Overall, my voting experience was positive.

Early Voters: 42,568 responses



In-Person Voters: 583 responses



2018 Voter Satisfaction Survey Feedback
Top Three Concerns

Early Voters:

1. Concerned about Voter Fraud (15.5%)
2. Want final results more quickly (10%)
3. Dislike Voting by Mail (6.5%)

In-Person Voters:

1. Voting Provisionally (7.7%)
2. Voter Fraud (1.7%)
3. Election Workers need more training (1.5%)

2018 Voter Satisfaction Survey Feedback
Top Three Positive Comments

Early Voters:

1. "Thank you for a positive experience." (31%)
2. Generally like Early Voting (7.5%)
3. Like the Text Message Service (1.5%)

In-Person Voters:

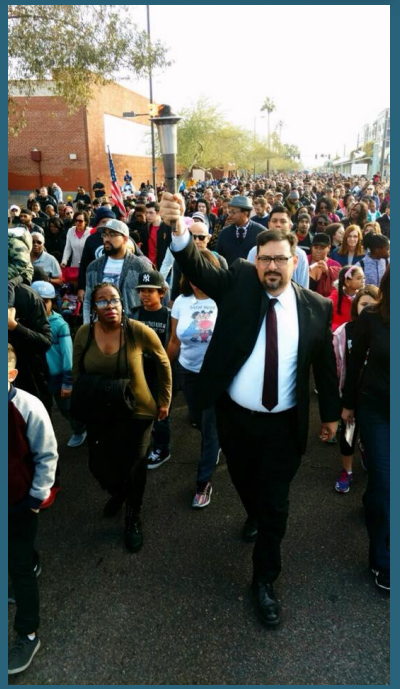
1. Election Workers were Helpful (1.5%)
2. Like the Honest/Fair Election (1.4%)
3. Overall Good Job (1.2%)

Looking Forward

What's next for the elections, 2020 and beyond.

Looking forward…

- New tabulation system: current contract is up in 2020.
- Increase of staff to meet increased work load.
- Nationally, vote at home is becoming the norm.



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