



Maricopa County Elections Department

# 2020 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

General Election Canvass



# COVID-19 & OTHER ELECTION HURDLES



## POLLING LOCATIONS

- Non-responsive / Not available / Too small for physical distancing

## BALLOTS AND ENVELOPES

- New Technology / Helped overcome paper shortages

## POLL WORKERS

- Prior election experience / Training Challenges

## SAFETY PROCEDURES

- We needed masks, gloves, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer

## DESIGNING A NEW VOTE CENTER MODEL



# HISTORIC TURNOUT

November 2020 General Election

**2,595,272**

Registered Voters

2016: 2,161,716

2020 Increase: 433,556

**2,089,563**

Total Ballots Cast

2016: 1,608,875

2020 Increase: 480,688

**80.51%**

Total Turnout

2016: 74.4%

1980: 80.9%

1968: 80.5%

**18,310**

Provisional Voters

2020: 12,112 Not Counted

2016: 52,173 | 15,250 Not Counted

**More voters participated in the 2020  
November General Election than  
ever before**



# VOTING OPTIONS

How Maricopa County Voters Participated

**993,000**

Returned an Early Ballot by Mail

**1,109,000\***

Used a Maricopa County Vote Center or  
Ballot Drop Box

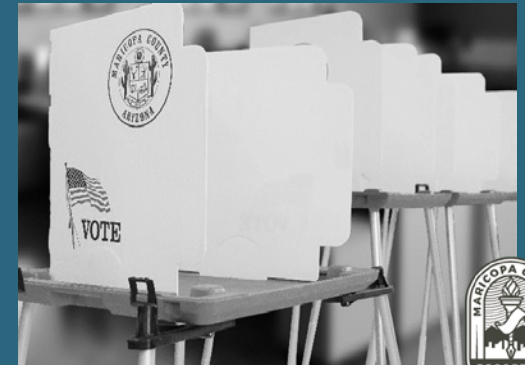
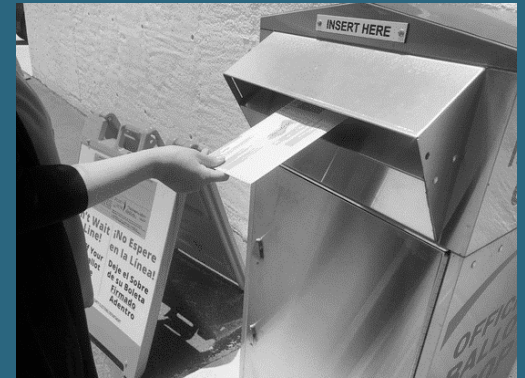
In Person Early Voter: **158,000**

In Person Emergency Voting: **51,000**

In Person Election Day Voter: **186,000\***

Early Ballot Drop-Offs: **714,000**

\*Includes provisional voters



# IMPROVED ACCESS TO VOTE BY MAIL

- Sent mailers to non-PEVL Voters
- Made early ballot requests easier
  - One-time or permanently
  - Request.Maricopa.Vote / Solicitud.Maricopa.Voto
  - Online Requests
- Sent robocall reminders to return ballots



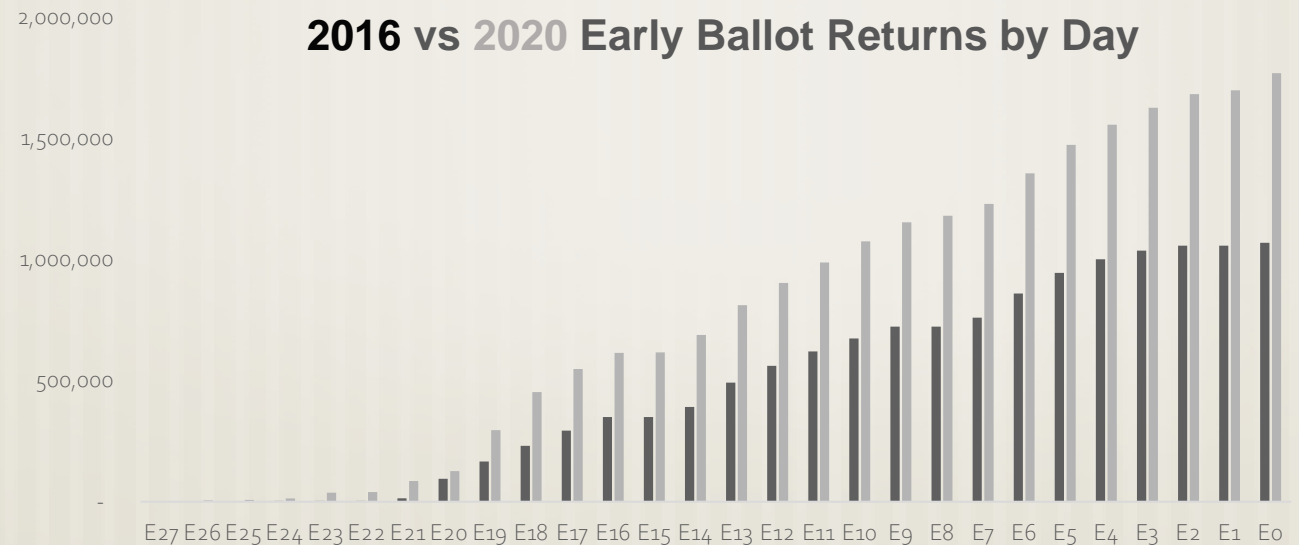
## Early Ballot Participation

**78% vs 92%**

*Nov. 2016 – 1,251,975*

*Nov. 2020 1,915,487*

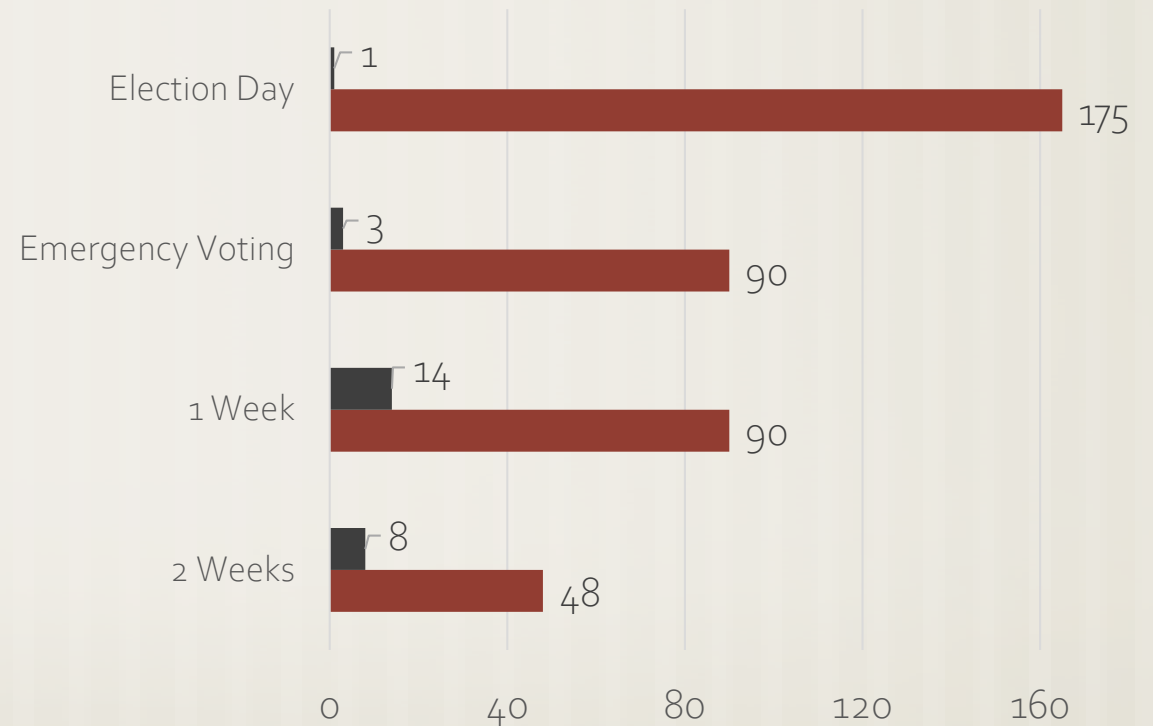
## 2016 vs 2020 Early Ballot Returns by Day



# IMPROVED ACCESS TO VOTE IN-PERSON

- ✓ More “Vote Anywhere” Vote Centers, Open Oct. 7-Nov. 3
- ✓ “Retail” Facilities and Malls
- ✓ Sports Arenas and Stadiums
- ✓ Drop boxes 22 in Govt. Bldgs / 15 Drive-through
- ✓ Located along light-rail, bus routes and freeways
- ✓ Located in high density areas including locations that serve Native American & rural communities
- ✓ Locations dispersed across the County, every 2 -3 miles

November General Election  
In-Person Voting Options **2020** vs **2016**



# SERVING ALL VOTERS

Accessibility, Military & Overseas

10,396

Military and Overseas  
Voters Served by  
Early Voting

762

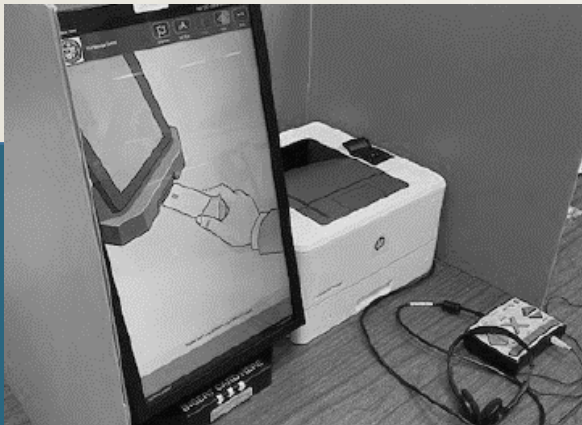
Voters served by  
Special Election Boards  
Braille | Large Print | Spanish

454

Voters that used the  
Accessible Voting  
Device In-person

487

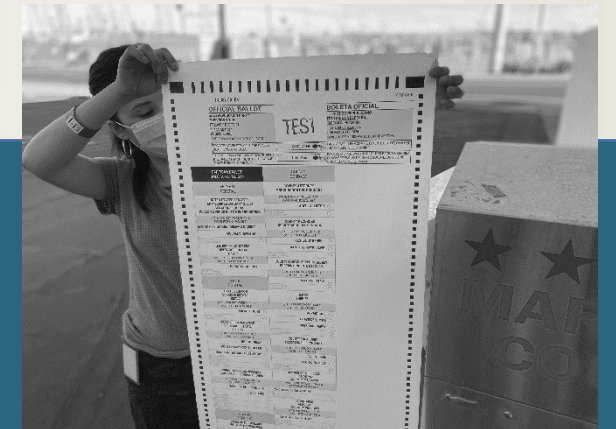
Voters Cast a  
Ballot Using  
Curbside Voting



[Image: Accessible Voting Device]



[Image: Braille Ballot]



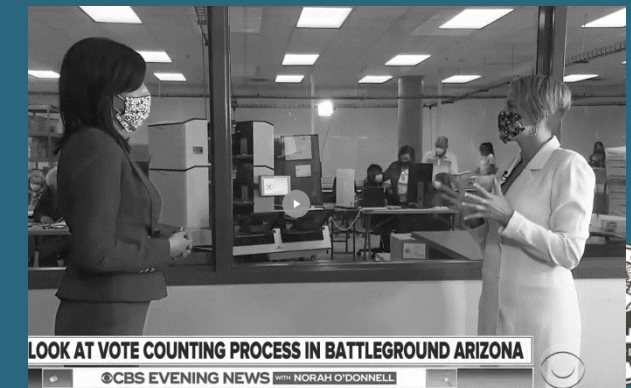
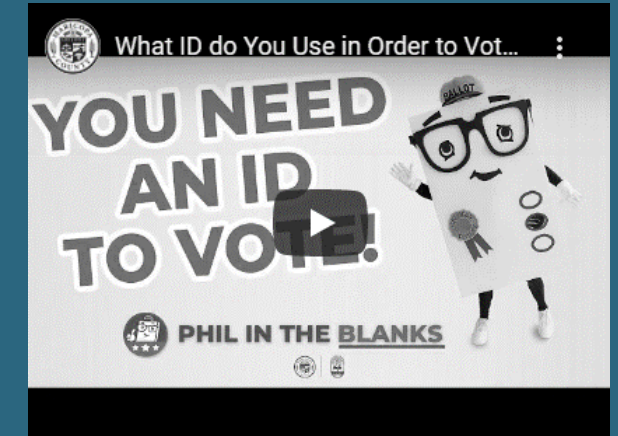
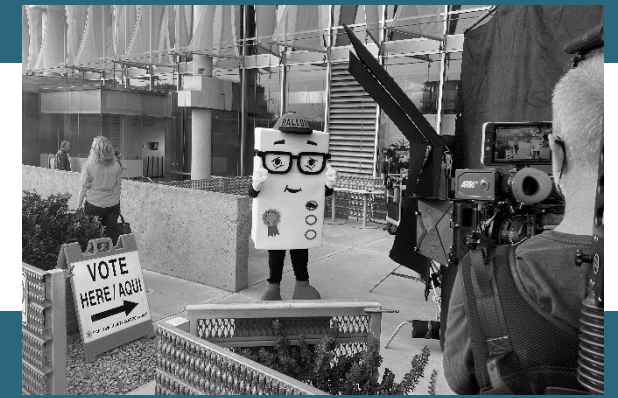
[Image: Large Print Ballot]

# INFORMING VOTERS

BeBallotReady.Vote |TengaBoletaLista.Voto

## THREE PHASED VOTER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

- 1 –Registration, 2 – Security / Track Your Early Ballot, 3 – Where to Vote & Return Your Ballot
- Spanish and English Ads on TV, Radio, Print, Billboards and Social
- Over 130 Interviews with local, national and internal news organizations
- Over 600 social media posts and videos providing information to voters on multiple platforms.
- Responded to an estimated 24,000 emails, 293,000 calls, and over 4,000 social media messages and comments from voters
- Election Toolkit & Educational Video Series
- Direct mail, email, robocalls





# IMPROVED TABULATION PROCEDURES



- ✓ **Certified:** Equipment is EAC (Federal) & SOS (State) Certified
- ✓ **Fast:** Counts ballots faster 6 – 8K per hour
- ✓ **Accurate:** 100% Accurate Hand Counts (Mar., Aug., Nov.)
- ✓ **Reliable & Secure:** See next slide
- ✓ **Innovative:**

- New Ballot Design
- Digital Copy of Ballots
- Robust Audit Logs

- Electronic Adjudication
- New Ballot Storage Vault



# Tabulation Integrity and Security



## Security

- Tabulation center on hardwired isolated network
- 24 – 7 Live camera feed
- Restricted access
- Encrypted data & memory cards
- External slots are secured with tamper evident seals
- Original hard copy ballots are stored under camera and in secured areas

## Integrity

- New Tabulation Equipment (EAC & SOS Certified)
- Logic & Accuracy tests complete before and after the election
- Independent hand count verification performed by the political parties (over 47,000 votes verified)
- Political party observers throughout process



# Tabulation Equipment Reliability

## RELIABILITY

- A Federally Accredited Voting System Laboratory completed extensive testing before certifying the County's tabulation equipment
- The County performed a pilot and stress test on equipment prior to awarding the contract
- Daily back-ups are stored in secure vault and off-site

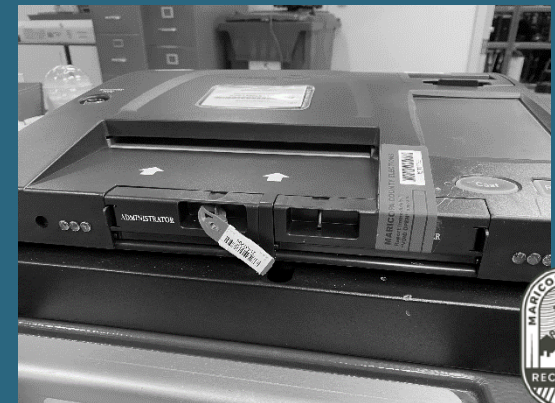
## SHARPIES & BLEED THROUGH

- Dominion - *"Sharpie pens are safe and reliable to use on ballots, and recommended due to their quick-drying ink."*
- New Ballots have off set columns preventing over votes due to bleed through
- The County Election department independently confirmed Sharpies had the most reliable ink when using tabulators at vote centers

**OVERVOTES** - The evidence overwhelming shows that the system used in Maricopa County is accurate and provided voters with a reliable election. In 2016, voters were *6 times* more likely to overvote the presidential contest when compared to 2020. *99.8%* of ballots cast for president had zero overvotes.



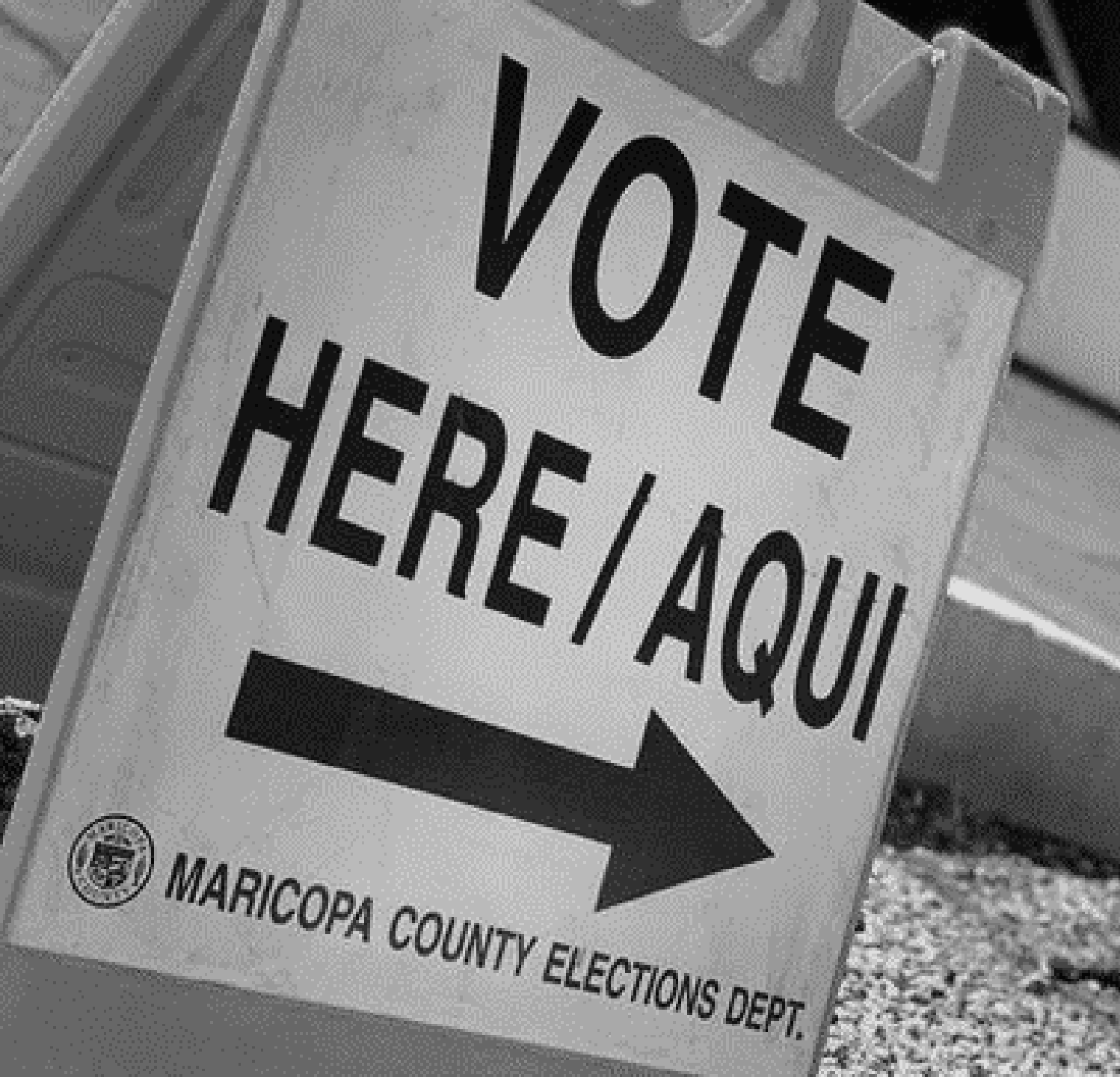
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A (GRN) <input type="radio"/>	Print name of Write-In Candidate HERE <input type="text"/>	PRATT, MAR
<input type="radio"/>	Print name of Write-In Candidate HERE <input type="text"/>	WALSH,
ESS	COUNTY	HOYE,
HAN 1) <input type="radio"/>	CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT	Print name of Write-In Candidate HERE <input type="text"/>
L. (REP) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)	Print name of Write-In Candidate HERE <input type="text"/>
G (DEM) <input type="radio"/>	FINE, JEFF (REP) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	CITY OF PHOENIX
<input type="radio"/>	MILLER, ROBERTA NEIL (DEM) <input type="radio"/>	MAYOR TO COMPLETE TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)
<input type="radio"/>	Print name of Write-In Candidate HERE <input type="text"/>	SANCHEZ, M
HAN 1) <input type="radio"/>	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE KYRENE (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)	SARWARK, NICH
G (REP) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	ROBSON, BOB (REP) <input type="radio"/>	VALENZUELA, DA
D (DEM) <input type="radio"/>	SAULS, SHARRON L. (DEM) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	GALLEGO,
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# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

- ✓ Poll Workers
- ✓ County Departments
- ✓ Cities and Towns & Facility Owners
- ✓ Community Groups & Political Parties
- ✓ Law enforcement agencies
- ✓ New Partners: Sports Teams, Malls & Convention Centers
- ✓ Election Department and Recorder's Office Staff






# QUESTIONS?

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