

Dear County Recorder & Elections Director,

The Election Advocacy Group is a working coalition of twenty-four Arizona and national voting rights advocacy groups. Despite our outreach efforts, we were unable to coordinate a meeting with election officials in your county earlier this year to discuss election administration issues. We are encouraging counties to adopt and implement best practices before the next election and would appreciate your responses to the questions below as soon as possible. If it would be more convenient, we can set-up a call or zoom meeting.

Additionally, we are currently reviewing the EAVS data that was submitted to the Election Assistance Commission and will follow up with any inquiries we have at a later date.

#### Voter Registration

- Provisional Ballots: Does the county use provisional ballots as voter registration applications if the voter's provisional is returned as "not-registered"? See 2019 Elections Procedures Manual section 10.II(F)(1)(c) at 205.
  - If not, do provisional ballots in your county contain all the required fields where it could serve as a voter registration form? Would you be willing to look into making necessary changes to have this as an option to get unregistered voters registered? If not, why not?
- Voter registration in jails: How can we strengthen existing coordination between recorders & sheriffs to ensure that eligible incarcerated voters are provided information and opportunity on how to register well before the registration deadline?

#### Access to the Ballot

- Outreach to disenfranchised communities: any plans on outreach/ educational campaigns focused on disenfranchised communities?
- Election plans: are you willing to share preliminary election plans with the public before you submit them to the BOS or otherwise create a process to allow public input before the plans are up for approval?
- Tribal consultation in election admin: Is there a process to ensure that tribes are consulted on all relevant election administration issues in their communities or a stated best practice that election officials in your county meet with local tribes before planning elections?
  - What sort of communication have you had so far with Tribal leaders?
  - Can we be helpful in facilitating introductions/ setting up meetings with Tribes?
- Early & election day voting: how can we preserve and when possible, increase on-reservation opportunities?
- Tribal election workers: is there a policy to ensure that people from Tribal communities are recruited & placed in polling locations on reservations and in surrounding areas?
  - Can we be helpful with this effort?
- Dropboxes: is there a plan to maintain, increase, or decrease the number of dropboxes and ballot dropoff locations going into future elections?

#### Vote count & certification

- Signature cure: what is the protocol for reaching out to voters to cure signatures? Are you willing to adopt a policy that you will reach out to voters by all available means (email, text, letter, phone call w/ verbal affirmation etc)? And allow the cure of mismatched signatures by simple verbal affirmation?

- When did you complete your count for the November 3, 2020 election? What new resources would you need to complete your count by the 6th business day following an election?
  - Do you need budget request support?

#### Public input

- How can we work to improve or create a process for public feedback? Do you have a designated and monitored email for public comments? Would you be willing to create one?
- What is your policy on responding to public record requests? Will you agree that, absent extraordinary circumstances, your office will respond to all record requests within 30 days or less.