

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

September 15, 2020

F. Ann Rodriguez
Pima County Recorder
240 N. Stone Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85701



Dear Recorder Rodriguez:

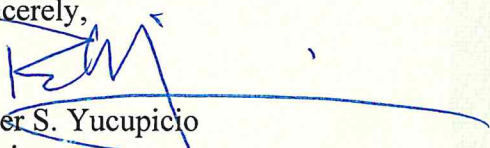
We are writing to follow-up on the Resolution passed earlier today by the Pima County Board of Supervisors authorizing early voting, emergency voting, and ballot drop off at the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Chambers. We would like to meet with you, or your designee, at the earliest opportunity to discuss the implementation of the Resolution. To that end, please send us some time slots for later this week or early next week when your team could meet with us.

In our opinion, the needs of both the Pascua Yaqui community and the greater Pima County community are best served by implementing a “full-service” vote center for early and emergency voting as authorized by the resolution. It is our understanding that there is supplemental funding available from the Secretary of State’s office to support this implementation. We would be happy to partner with you in making a request for that funding.

We also know from your recent communications that you have raised concerns about the practicalities of implementing a “full-service” vote center in the time available. Although we disagree with your analysis, we would like to approach this issue in the spirit of compromise. If you and your senior staff determine it is impractical to implement a “full-service” vote center for early and emergency voting -- we would be willing to consider a “limited access” early voting site on the Monday-Friday before the election, conducted in the same manner as the Elections Department conducts Election Day voting (using paper rosters, pre-printed ballots, and limited to voters in Precinct 110). Although not ideal, this would be a way to balance your concerns and the needs of voters in our community. This “limited access” early voting site could also serve as a ballot drop-off location for voters throughout Pima County that work or do business in the Pascua Yaqui community.

We are on the eve of a critically important election. Let’s use our time, energy, and resources productively -- working together to ensure that the voices of all Pima County voters are heard.

Sincerely,



Peter S. Yucupicio
Chairman

cc: Pima County Board of Supervisors
Secretary of State Katie Hobbs
Congressman Raul Grijalva
Mayor Regina Romero