



SUPER DUPER TUESDAY PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PREVIEW

Maricopa County Community Network Meeting
January 30th, 2008



- Basics to reinforce
- Consolidations & Polling places
- Boardworker Hiring & E-verify is not E-asy
- Bilingual Boardworker Staffing Levels
- Training Curriculum
- PEVL update
- Media & cameras
- Predictions...and next month's review



Basics to Remember Regardless of the race/election.

- Early Ballots cast at the Early Voting Sites, by Mail, and dropped at the polls on Election Day count unless:
 - ▣ Voters must sign the envelope for signature verification
 - ▣ Voters must be a qualified elector
- Counting is not contingent upon impact on the election or margin of victory.
- IF THE BALLOT IS CAST BY AN ELIGIBLE VOTER IT WILL BE COUNTED.



Basics to Remember Regardless of the race/election.

- All Provisional Ballots are processed.
- They will be tabulated unless:
 - ▣ Voter isn't registered
 - ▣ Voter registration received after deadline (29 days)
 - ▣ Voter didn't sign Prov Form, or their signatures didn't match
 - ▣ Voter in wrong polling place
 - ▣ Not enough information on Prov Form to identify the voter
 - ▣ Early ballot was received and counted
 - ▣ Voter does not present ID either at PP or during the 3 days after the election (5 days for General in November)



Basics to Remember Presidential Preference Specifics.

- ❑ This is NOT a Primary, nor is it open.
- ❑ This is the first time that both Democrats & Republicans are holding a PPE at the same time.
- ❑ In the past it was easier for the public to understand because it was “just the Republicans” or “just the Democrats”



Basics to Remember: Federal Equipment Certification

- The EAC (Election Assistance Commission) established the VVSG (Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines) outlining what is necessary for federal certification of voting systems
- The System Guidelines is a living document which evolves with technology:
 - ▣ The first iteration was completed in 2002—implemented in 2005.
 - ▣ Second iteration was completed in 2005—implementd in December 2007.
 - ▣ Third iteration is out for public comment on the EAC website.
- Maricopa County's system is certified under the First iteration as it was purchased prior to December 2007.
- Jurisdictions DO NOT have to re-certify a system UNLESS they make a change/modification/addition. At that point any additional requirements (if a new iteration was in place) would have to be satisfied.



Basics to Remember: Federal Equipment Certification

- ❑ Federal Certification was initially implemented because not all jurisdictions/elections administrators conduct a Logic and Accuracy (L&A) test prior to the election to ensure programming is correct and has not been tampered with or is malfunctioning.
- ❑ Arizona does a Logic and Accuracy test prior to the election.
- ❑ We also do one post election, prior to the canvass...





So, if you've gotten
the email telling
you otherwise:

Don't believe
everything you
hear...

Look for yourself:
www.eac.gov





Consolidations

□ Statute requires consolidation of precincts:

ARS 16-248. Designation of polling places

- A. Not less than twenty days before a presidential preference election, the board of supervisors shall designate a reasonable and adequate number of polling places where the election shall be held.
- B. The number of polling places for the presidential preference election is to be determined according to the number of active registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the presidential preference election.
- C. Each county with more than two hundred thousand active registered voters shall determine the number of polling places for the presidential preference election by using no more than one-half of the number of precincts as of January 1 of the year of the presidential preference election.

(D & E are omitted as they pertain to jurisdiction sizes smaller than Maricopa)

- F. If it is determined by the secretary of state that compliance with state and federal regulations would be jeopardized, the secretary of state has the authority to release a county from the number of polling places prescribed by this section.
- G. The provisions of this section do not apply to land located on an Indian reservation.
- H. In precincts that contain fewer than two hundred active registered voters, the officer in charge of elections may conduct a presidential preference election by mail.



Consolidations

- We did not go back to the last PPE to establish our consolidations because
 - ▣ Last PPE was only the Dems, now we have Dems and Reps
 - ▣ Voting precinct lines have changed twice since that election
- November 2007 election
 - ▣ We did try to send voters back to where they voted most recently, in the November 2007 elections
 - ▣ Almost county-wide so the majority of voters were covered
- Received the Preclearance letter YESTERDAY! (2007-5862 for those jurisdictions using the same consolidations for your March &/or May elections)



Polling places

- Early Voting: at our 3 offices
 - 111 S 3rd Avenue, Phoenix
 - 510 S 3rd Avenue, Phoenix
 - 222 Javelina Dr, Mesa
- 398 polling places on Election Day
- Received signed confirmations from facilities
- Changes in location after the mailing of the Sample Ballot generated a Polling Place Change Card to each household with a qualified voter.
- We will not be mailing Polling Place Notification Cards—that information is on the Sample Ballot



Polling Places

- ❑ **No electioneering facilities:**
 - ❑ **7251 ALL SAINTS OF THE DESERT CHURCH**
9502 W HUTTON DRIVE, SUN CITY
 - ❑ **7368 VALLEY VIEW BIBLE CHURCH**
4222 E LINCOLN DR, PARADISE VALLEY
 - ❑ **7580 DESERT FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**
29305 N SCOTTSDALE RD, SCOTTSDALE
 - ❑ **7378 TATUM RANCH COMMUNITY CENTER**
29811 N TATUM BLVD, CAVE CREEK
 - ❑ **7672 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LDS**
495 S GREENFIELD RD, GILBERT





Special Thanks

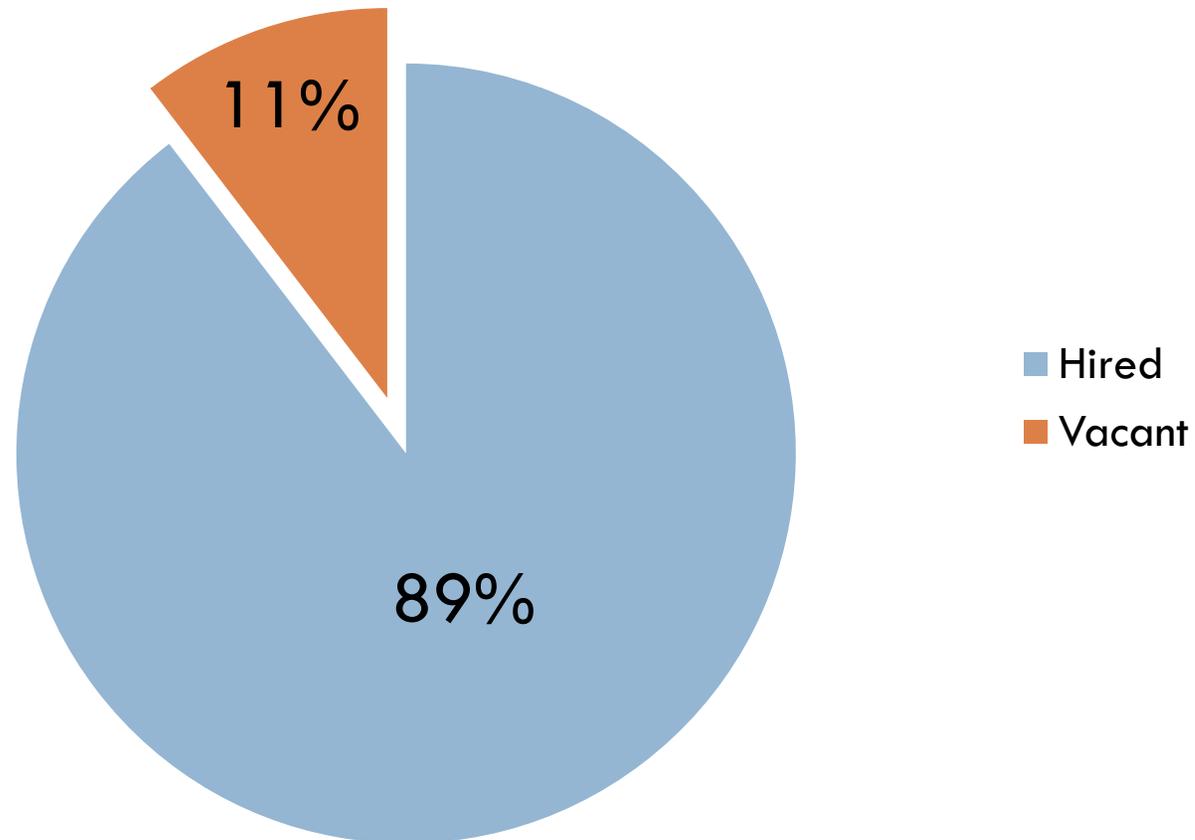
To Councilman Largo
for helping us to
secure the Salt River
Community Center to
use as our polling
location





Boardworker Hiring

- As of this morning still need 259 workers:





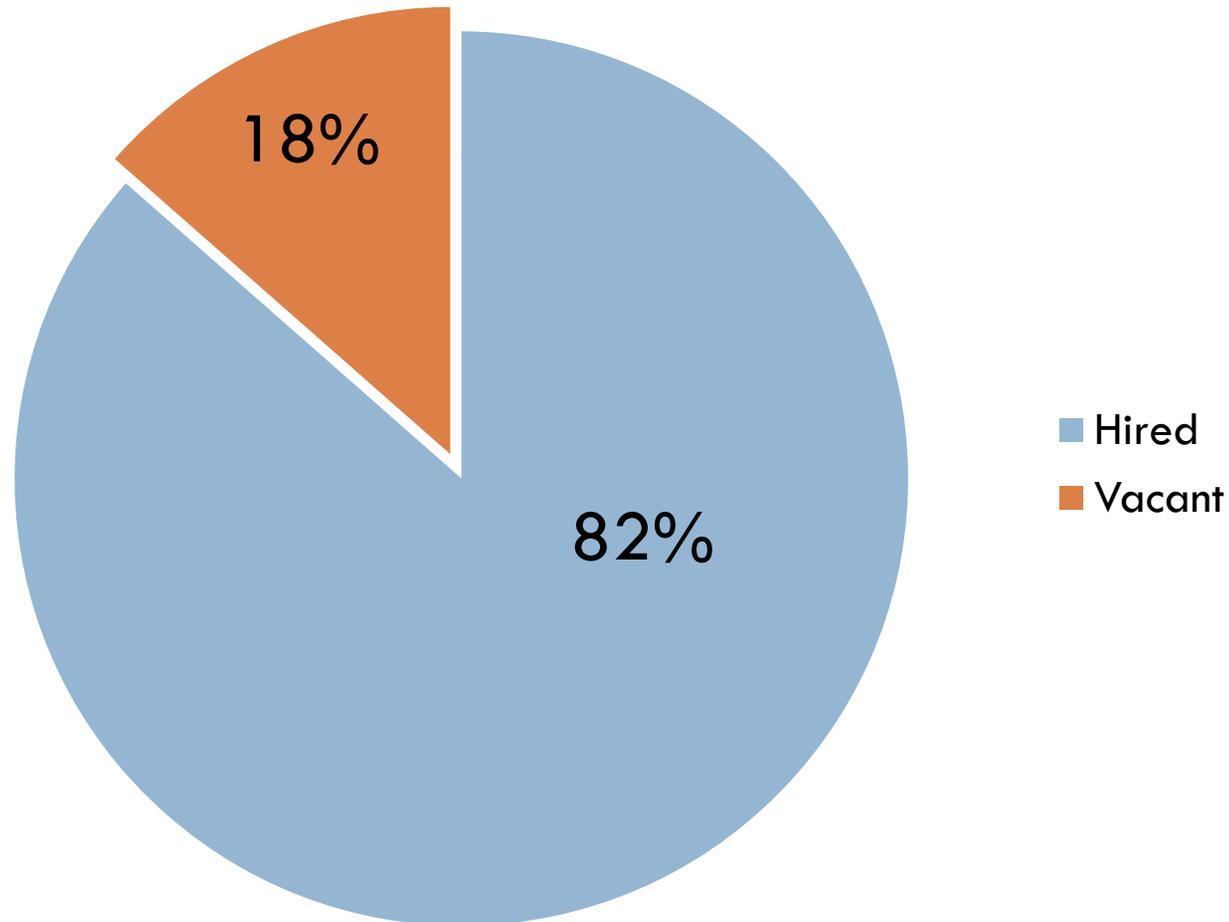
E-verify

- We must now complete the E-verification process within 3 days of hire.
- This has been particularly challenging for boardworkers who live in all parts of the county and don't always bring their information with them to class.
- This will continue to be a challenge in 2008, particularly when we will be hiring 7,000+ for the fall elections



Bilingual Boardworker Staffing Levels

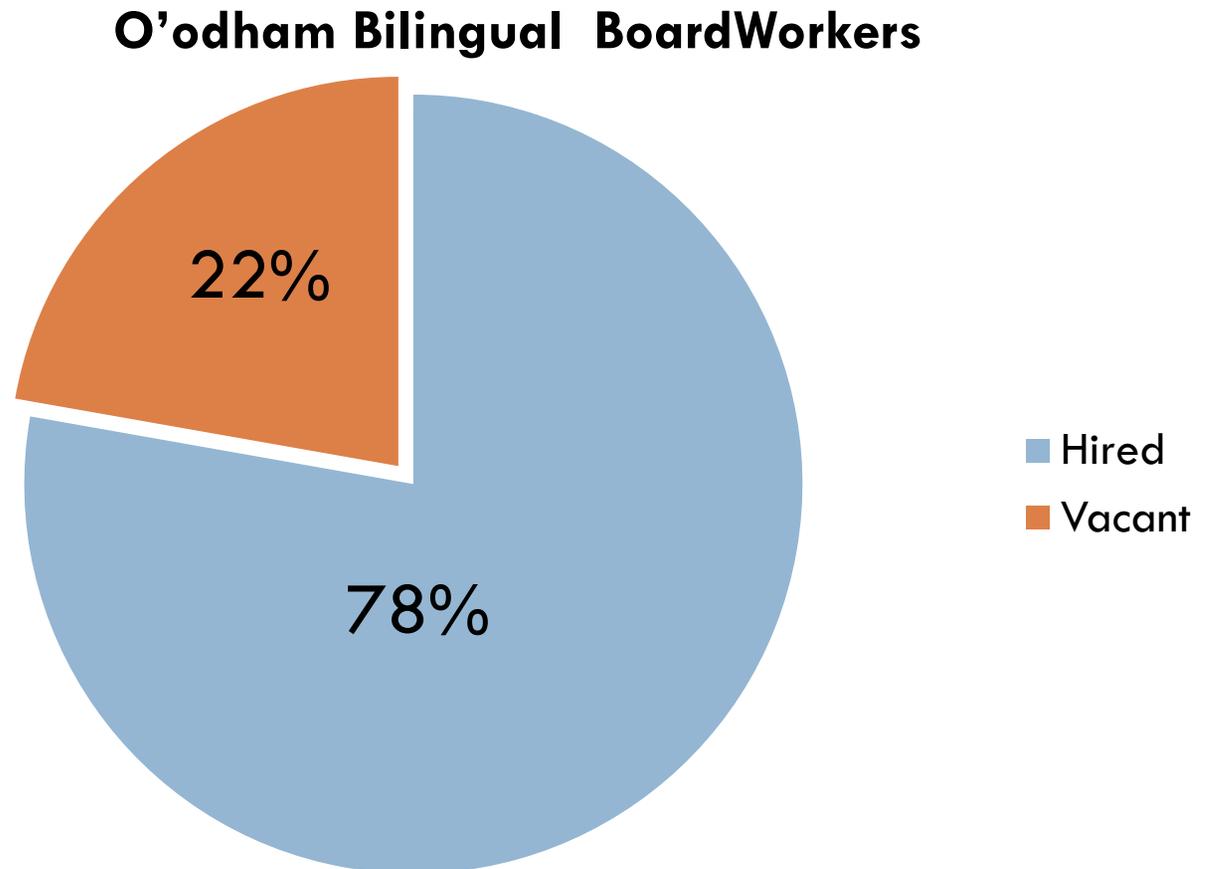
□ As of this morning still need 53:





Bilingual Boardworker Staffing Levels

- As of this morning still need 2 more in G'ha Ka Village:





Special Thanks

To Bill Hernandez
and Sarah Hunter
at the Fort
McDowell Yavapai
Nation for their
help in recruitment
of boardworkers!!

From: Sarah Hunter [SHunter@FTMCDOWELL.ORG]
To: Tribal Government; TM-Combined
Cc: Tammy Patrick - RISCX
Subject: Boardworkers Needed for Fort McDowell Polling Place-We need your help!

Message | ELECTION BOARD WORKER INFORMATION.doc (33 KB) | Boardworkers.jpg (359 KB)



The poster features a blue background with a decorative border of American flags. On the left is the Maricopa County seal, and on the right is the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation seal. The text is centered and reads: "Maricopa County Elections Needs Board Workers". Below this, it states: "We need tribal members or community members to staff the polling place for the Presidential Preference Election to be held on February 5, 2008 at the Fort McDowell Parks & Recreation Center." It then provides contact information: "If you would like to be a board worker for the Presidential Preference Election please contact Monica with the Maricopa County board worker recruitment today at (602) 506-7554 or email tpatrick@risc.maricopa.gov".

Sarah Hunter
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
Human Resources Department
Phone (480) 816-7219
Fax (480) 816-0419

Vote in the Presidential Preference Election
February 5, 2008



Training Curriculum

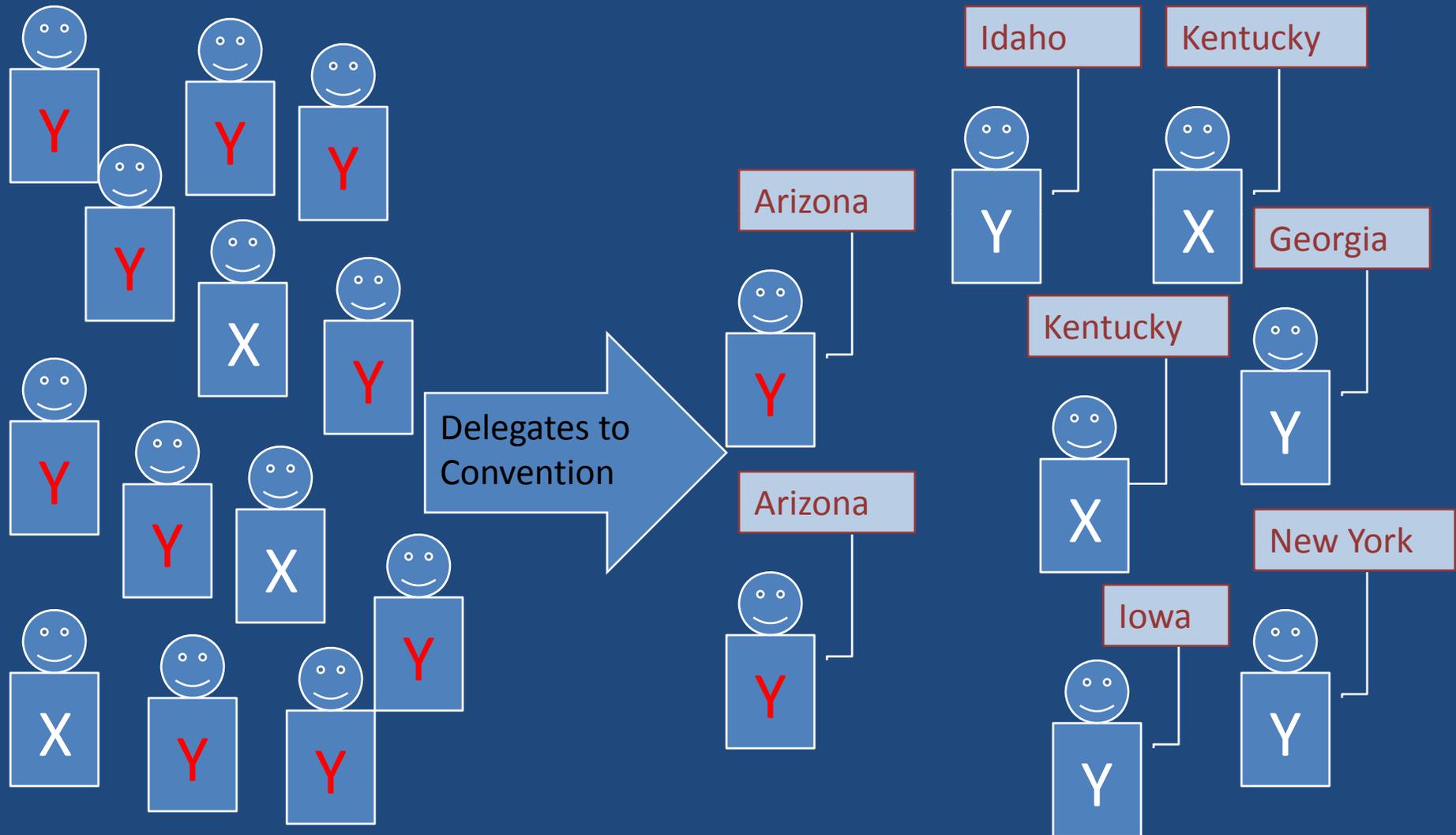
- Updates on who is eligible to vote in PPE
- Explanation of what PPE is
- PPE vs. Open Primary in September
- Continuation of training on ID requirements
- Reiteration of need to vote in correct precinct & how to direct voters
- Detailed explanation of what is on the ID card

Presidential Preference

- February 5th, 2007
- Democratic and Republican Party voters *ONLY*
- This is *NOT* an open primary, but a party election and only the Dems & Reps are holding an election
- 1,101,689 eligible Dems & Reps
- 433,620 unaffiliated voters will *NOT* be eligible due to being registered Libertarian, Green, Independent, no party, etc.

Presidential Preference

Determines who the AZ delegates will vote for during the first round at their party's convention

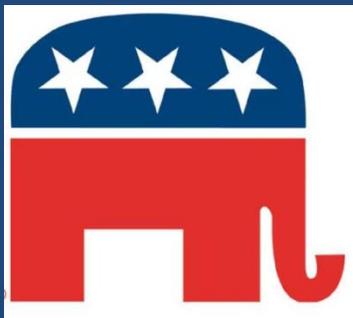
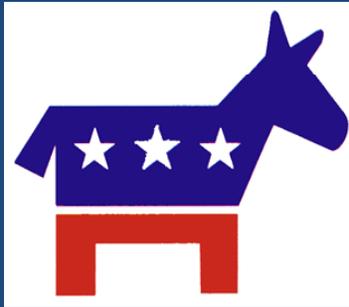


Party Conventions



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VOTING:



ARE NOT voting:



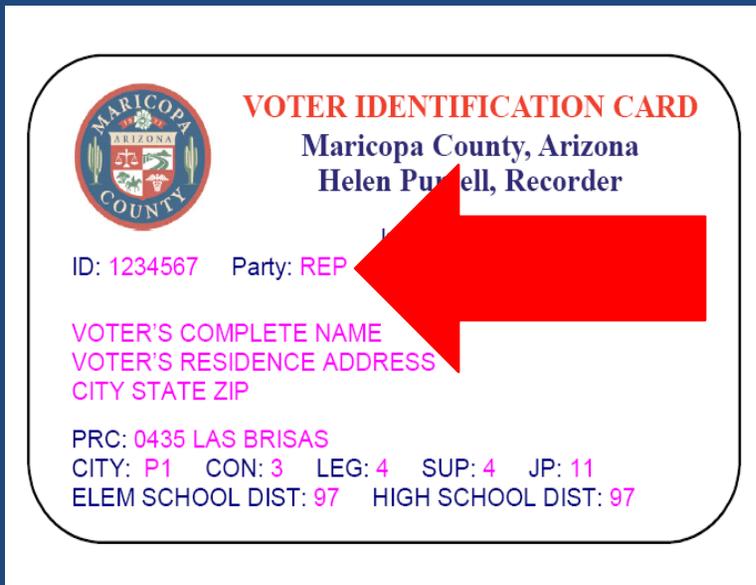
Voter ID cards will say:

Voting in PPE:

- Party: DEM
- Party: REP

NOT Voting in PPE:

- Party: LBT
- Party: OTH
- Party: PND



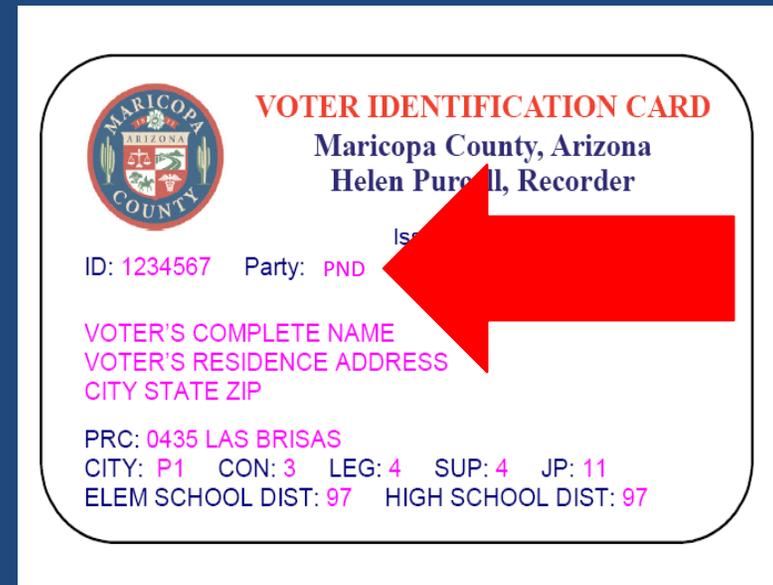
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Maricopa County, Arizona
Helen Purcell, Recorder

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VOTER'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP

PRC: 0435 LAS BRISAS
CITY: P1 CON: 3 LEG: 4 SUP: 4 JP: 11
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A large red arrow points from the Party field to the right.



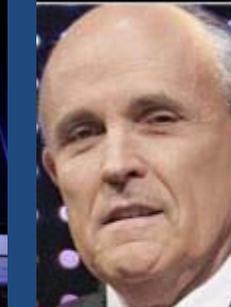
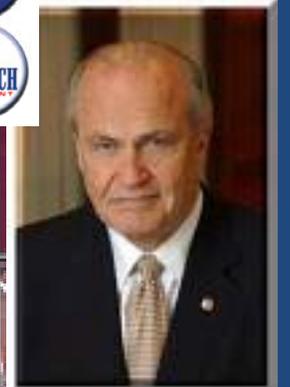
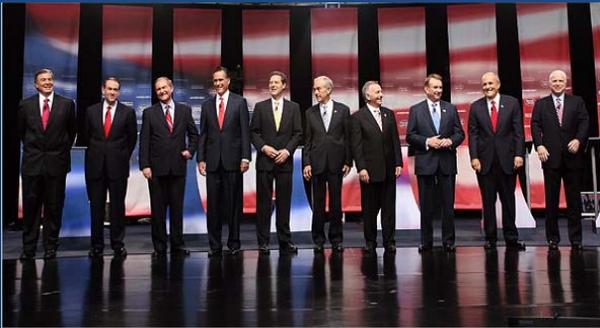
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On February 5th:

- How do we explain to a registered LBT that they are not having an election?
- How do you explain to someone who is not registered to a party that they are not eligible?

On February 5th:

- Voter is a registered **Rep**
 - Can they vote?
 - What type of ballot?
- Voter is a registered **Dem**
 - Can they vote?
 - What type of ballot
- Voter is not registered to a party
 - Can they vote?

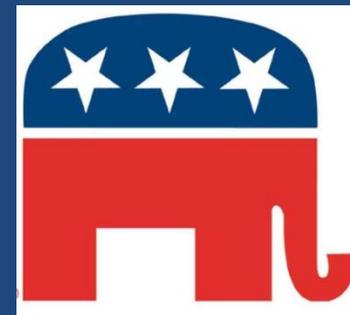
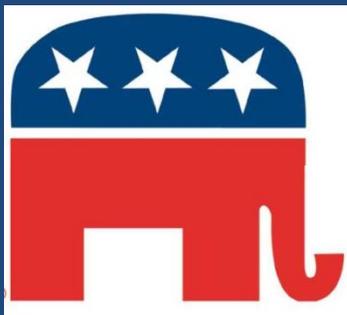
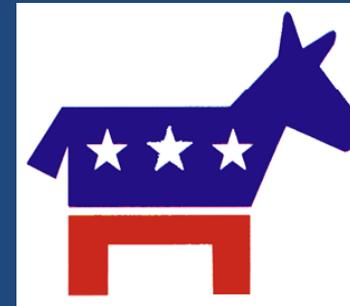
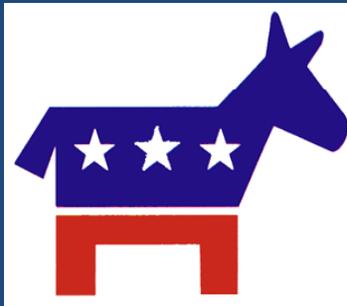
How is that *different* from the Open Primary held in September?

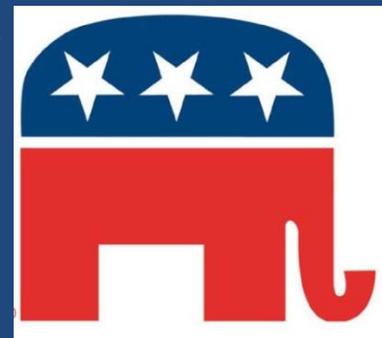
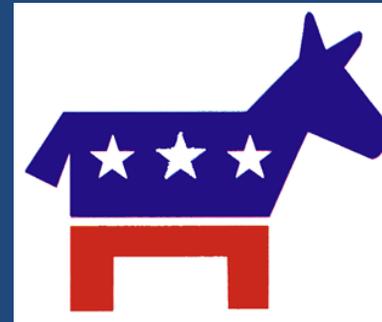
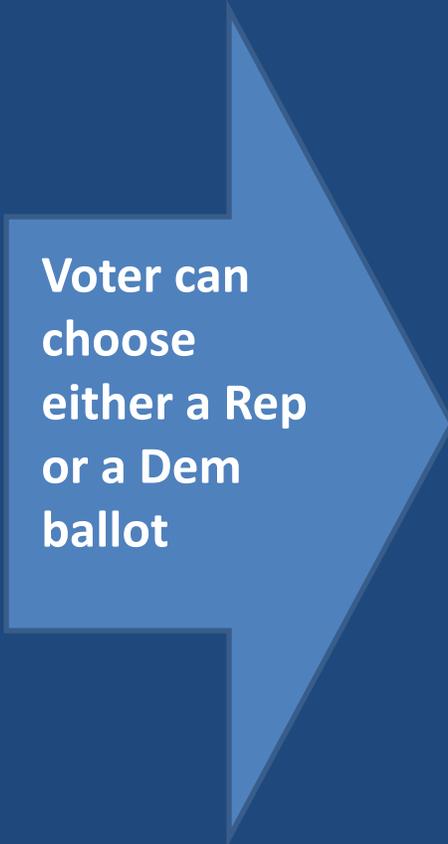
- In September anyone registered in one of the 3 recognized parties (Dem, Lbt, Rep) will get that parties ballot.
- Anyone not registered to one of the 3 recognized parties will be able to select either a Dem or a Rep ballot.
- Unaffiliated voters will no longer be able to choose a Lbt ballot based on a recent court ruling.

September Primary

Registered as:

Ballot:





Again, the change is that voters not registered to a recognized party will only be able to select either a Republican or a Democrat ballot

(but stayed tuned as you know how these things can change...)

PPE vs. Primary

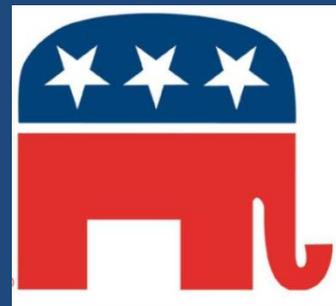
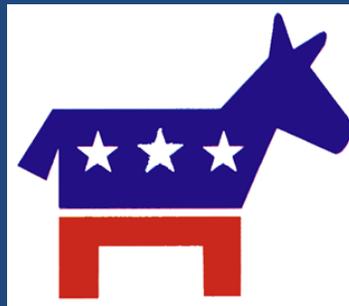
- How do you explain the difference between the PPE and the Open Primary?
- IN SEPTEMBER, can PNDs vote?



Can the voter vote a provisional ballot?

Yes!

But it will only be processed if they were an eligible elector:



PP are NOT listed on the Voter ID,
Districts are:



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ID:

Your unique Voter ID number

Party:

- Recognized Parties are **DEM**, **LBT**, and **REP**.
- If you register in any other party **OTH** will be listed.
- If you did not select a party then **PND** (Party Not Designated) will be listed.

ISSUE DATE:

Date the card was issued

DOR:

Date of original registration

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PRC:

Voting precinct number and name

CITY:

City district (this example is Phoenix 1)

CON:

Congressional District for representation in the United States Congress

LEG:

Legislative District for representation in the State Legislature

SUP:

County Board of Supervisors District

JP:

Justice of the Peace precinct

ELEM SCHOOL DIST:

Elementary School District

HIGH SCHOOL DIST:

High School District

Observers

- There **WILL BE** party observers for the PPE
- Observers must have an original, signed letter from the County Party Chair:
 - DEMS: Mark Manoil
 - REPS: Tom Husband
- Observers are there to **OBSERVE**, they cannot interfere with voting or the processing of voters.

Observers

- If observers have questions they need to speak to the Inspector
- Observers may inquire about translations or the language assistance. This is appropriate if they are not interfering with the process.
- You may be asked to relay in English what you have said to the voter in Spanish.
- Observers may want to know why we are providing language assistance.

Observer Situation #1

- You are explaining to a voter who is PND (Party Not Designated) that it is only Dems and Reps voting in the PPE. The observer, who is bilingual, interrupts and tells the voter that we have an open primary in Arizona.
- How do you handle:
 - 1) The observer's interjection?
 - 2) The misinformation being given?

Observer Situation #2

- You are helping a voter at the provisional table to determine if they are in the correct polling place. There are observers from each party watching. They ask the Inspector what you are doing and what you are saying in Spanish. They want to know why you are helping in another language. The Inspector brings them over.
- How do you:
 - 1) Continue to help the voter in Spanish while explaining what you are doing in English?
 - 2) Explain why we provide assistance in Spanish?

Observer Situation #3

- An individual comes in who is from a local Hispanic community group and they want to watch what is going on in the polling place. They do not represent either of the political parties nor do they have a signed paper from either of the County Party Chairs.
- How do you:
 - 1) Explain that observers must be from one of the two parties?
 - 2) Politely ask them to leave?

Media Situation #1

- CNN has just come in the door. They are followed by Univision and MTV. They all have TV cameras and your favorite talking heads are there in all their fame and glory.
- How do you:
 - 1) Advise them that they cannot film in the polling place?
 - 2) Tell them that they must stay outside of the 75 foot limit?
 - 2) What if they challenge you? What is the law and where can you find it?

Media Situation #2

- A presidential candidate has just come to your polling place to drop off their early ballot. They are followed by dozens of reporters, photographers, and staff.
- How do you:
 - 1) Maintain order?
 - 2) Advise the candidate that they must leave the facility once they have deposited their ballot?



PEVL update

- 444,152 early ballots requested
- 229,615 ballots returned (as of 2:34 PM 1/29/08)

- Permanent Early Voting list has (as of 2:35 PM 1/29/08)
 - 539,505 total voters
 - 423,854 are DEM or REP



Media

- With Arizona Senator McCain on the ticket we anticipate heightened media coverage
- The Senator will be dropping off his early ballot and his campaign worked with us to determine a polling place with enough parking that the media spectacle will not interfere with voters
- Boardworkers and Trouble Shooters will be made aware
- They have set aside a block of 100 hotel rooms for the national press...
- MCTEC will have space allocated for media in the lobby and large conference room



Speaking of cameras...

- Our Ballot Tabulation Center is now viewable online from the time of the Logic and Accuracy tests thru the Canvass:

Know more about **Your flag!** [CLICK HERE](#)

Recorded images are now available for viewing and purchasing from 1871 forward. **DIGITAL Recording** [ARE YOU ELIGIBLE? CLICK HERE](#)

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Helen Purcell
Maricopa County Recorder

"If democracy is worth fighting for, then its true value should be measured at the ballot box!"



Cameras...

Maricopa County
Helen Purcell
Maricopa County Recorder
Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Recorder ▶ **LIVE VIDEO FEEDS FROM BALLOT TABULATION CENTER (BTC)**
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Miscellaneous ▶

Currently viewing BTC South View. To see other camera views, please select a button on the interface below
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January 29, 2008
Early ballot tabulation begins January 29 9:00 am.

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BTC South View

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- Session times out after 30 minutes at a camera, but you can simply log back on
- There are 8 cameras to view



February PPE Review

- Next months meeting we will look at:
 - ▣ Turnout by party
 - ▣ Turnout by Early Voting vs. at the Polls and the impact of the PEVL
 - ▣ Number of ineligible voters who cast provisional ballots
 - ▣ Conditional provisional ballots (those related to insufficient ID) and their demographic make-up
 - ▣ Also looking to March & May jurisdictional elections
- Date will be changed as I will be at an EAC meeting in DC



Predictions...

- Voters are holding EVs and will be dropping them en masse at the polls due to:
 - ▣ Waiting to see how candidates did in other states
 - ▣ Candidates dropping out
 - ▣ Those last minute revelations/gaffs...
- Previous PPEs saw a turnout in the low 30%os. We are estimating a much larger interest in this election. Possibly 50-60%
- The weekend prior is the Super Bowl and we have attempted to coordinate equipment and Inspector packet drop-offs accordingly.
- And one final prediction:



PATRIOTS WIN! (IT IS 2008 AFTER ALL)

And as every election administrator dreams-with a large margin of victory