



TOWN OF
QUEEN CREEK

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The Honorable Tim Bee
President of the Senate
1700 W. Washington, Senate Wing
Phoenix, AZ 85007

The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington, House Wing
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Town of Queen Creek All-Mail May 15, 2007 Special Election

Dear President Bee & Speaker Weiers:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-409.B, the following All-Mail Ballot Election Report is submitted for your review. This report covers the 2007 Special Election.

1. Changes in Voter Turnout

Historically, Queen Creek has had an above average voter turnout for local elections. This is the first year that a Special Election was conducted as an All-Mail Ballot Election. There is a small portion of Pinal County within the Town of Queen Creek town limits and those registered voters are included in The "Total # of Registered Voters". There was a marked increase in voter participation as illustrated with the comparison of the results of the 2002 and 2004 Special Elections and the 2007 Special Election (All-Mail). The table below illustrates voter turnout:

<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Total # of Registered Voters</u>	<u>Voter Turnout %</u>
2000-Primary	1430	40.42
2000-General	1512	20.90
2002-Primary	1957	42.46
2002-General	2028	18.24
2002-Special	2094	22.92
2004-Primary	2981	51.46
2004-Special	4104	23.71
2006-Primary (All-Mail)	6345	48.97
2006-General (All-Mail)	6349	31.89
2007 – Special	6924	35.32

2. Cost of Mail Ballot Election as compared to traditional elections – (does not include the costs associated with publicity pamphlets and postage).

<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Avg. cost per ballot</u>
2004-Primary	\$4,308.41	\$1.45
2004-Special (shared ballot)	\$ 615.60	.15
2006-Primary (All-Mail)	\$8,697.99	\$1.47
2006-General (All-Mail)	\$8,878.80	\$1.47
2007- Special (All-Mail)	\$11,909.28	\$1.72

3. Frequency and severity of mail ballot irregularities

Only a few comments were received regarding the All-Mail Ballot Election. The comments were general in nature, such as voter registration, when ballots would be received and questions on the publicity pamphlet.

4. Suggestions for improvements or refinements in the All-Mail Ballot Program

Overall, the All-Mail Ballot Election went well. For this election the residents were prepared to receive their ballots in the mail after participating in an All-Mail Ballot Election March/May 2006. I still believe that in fast growing municipalities, it takes additional community outreach to encourage residents to update their voter registration records as soon as possible. We always have ample voter registration forms at Town Hall, for Maricopa & Pinal County. Additionally, All-Mail Ballot Elections provide an option in conducting elections, especially when adequate polling places are difficult, or nearly impossible to obtain.

5. Voter satisfaction with the election process

Overall comments from residents were positive. Again, very few complaints were received regarding the All-Mail Ballot Election process itself. A ballot box was available

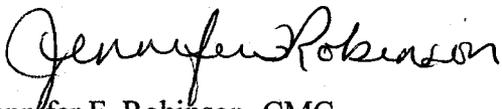
at Town Hall from the day ballots were mailed out through 7pm Election Day. For those residents who preferred to vote on Election Day, this was a way for them to participate in that way, without having to stand in any lines.

6. Number of non-deliverable ballots

May Special: 371 (351 no forwarding address; moved out of jurisdiction; voter's registration cancelled) remaining 20 were eligible and either had temporary holds at post office or updated records and a ballot was re-mailed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 480-358-3210 or at jennifer.robinson@queencreek.org.

Sincerely,



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Town Clerk

Cc: Fredda J. Bisman, Town Attorney
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