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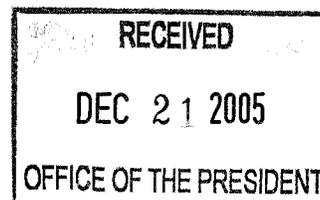
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Honorable President
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Re: City of Winslow November 8, 2005 Special Mail Ballot Election

Dear Sirs:

The City of Winslow conducted its second mail ballot election for our November 8, 2005 Special Recall Election. Pursuant to ARS §16-409.B, our Mail Ballot Election Report is enclosed. The report addresses all required information.

On August 9, 2005, the Mayor and Council adopted a resolution establishing election procedures for City of Winslow elections which states that all future city elections will be conducted using mail ballots. As you will see from the attached report, our voter turnout increased by 26.06% from our 2004 General Election and 5.63% from our September 13, 2005 Special Referendum Election.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk/Treasurer

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cc: Mayor & City Council
Jim Ferguson, City Administrator
Dale Patton, City Attorney

1. Changes in Voter Turnout

Election Date	# Registered Voters	# Ballots Cast	% Voter Turnout
Primary Election 03/14/00	# unavailable	994	unknown
General Election 05/16/00	# unavailable	1207	unknown
Special Election (Sales Tax) 05/15/01	# unavailable	493	unknown
Primary Election 03/12/02	# unavailable	1043	unknown
General Election 05/21/02 (included Recall, Charter Amendment Questions, Bond Questions & 2% Tax on Transient Lodging of Rentals)	4448	1262	28.4%
Special Franchise Election 03/11/03	# unavailable	191	unknown
General Election 05/18/04	4008	1052	26.25%
Special Referendum Election* 09/13/05	4156	1940	46.68%
Special Recall Election* 11/08/05	3510	1836	52.31%

*Mail Ballot Election

2. Cost of Mail Ballot Election Compared to Traditional Elections

Election Dates	Total Cost	# Ballots Cast	Cost per Ballot Cast	Cost per Registered Voter
Mar/May 2000	\$7,608	2201	\$3.46	Unknown due to # of registered voters unknown
Special 2001	\$7,850	493	\$15.93	Unknown due to # of registered voters unknown
Mar/May 2002	\$21,083 ¹	2305	\$9.15	\$4.74
Special 2003	\$4,491	191	\$23.51	Unknown due to # of registered voters unknown

Mar/May 2004	\$4,174 ²	1052	\$2.05	\$1.05
Sept 2005	\$13,991 ³	1940	\$7.22	\$3.37
Nov 2005	\$7,012	1836	\$3.82	\$2.00

3. **Suggestions for Improvements or Refinements in the Mail Ballot Program**

Voter feedback with this election was very positive and voters seemed satisfied with the process. There are no suggestions for improvement at this time.

4. **Frequency and Severity of Mail Ballot Irregularities**

A total of 16 ballots were rejected and not counted.

5. **Voter Satisfaction with the Process**

Several comments were received from voters that they preferred the mail ballot process.

As was the case in our September election, there was a concern about signatures being visible on the outside of the envelope. City Hall served as a ballot drop off site and received 216 ballots.

6. **Number of Non-Deliverable Ballots**

There were 294 'non-deliverable' ballots which was a decrease from our September election. We do hope to see a decrease in this number in future elections.

¹ This amount is higher than usual due to fact that a recall, charter amendment questions, bond questions & a 2% tax on transient lodging of rentals were included on the ballot, making it necessary to prepare and mail out publicity pamphlets.

² This amount is lower than usual due to the fact that only one election board and one tally board was used instead of two.

³ This amount is higher due the cost of the publicity pamphlet and mailing of postcards to update the voter registration list (\$4,448). Since this was the city's first mail ballot election, additional advertising was done.