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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
for
BALLOT-BY-MAIL ELECTION SERVICES**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (“IGA”), is made on this 22nd day of August, 2023, by and between COCONINO COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona by and through its duly elected BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and RECORDER (collectively the “COUNTY”), with offices located at 219 E. Cherry Ave., Flagstaff AZ 86001, and Sedona-Oak Creek School District #9, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona by and through its duly elected Governing Board, with offices located at 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd, Sedona, AZ 86336 (the “JURISDICTION”), pursuant to their authority under Arizona Revised Statutes § 11-952.

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. §16-408 (D) the governing body of any election district authorized to conduct an election may enter into an agreement with a County Board of Supervisors and County Recorder for election services with the contracted cost of such special elections to be a charge against the election district; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. §16-409 and §16-558, cities, towns, school districts, and special districts are authorized to conduct elections by mail ballot, herein referred to as a “ballot-by-mail election”; and,

WHEREAS, The COUNTY is willing to provide election services to election districts wishing to conduct ballot-by-mail elections; and

WHEREAS, the JURISDICTION wishes to enter into an agreement with the COUNTY for the provision of ballot-by-mail election services subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations set forth below, the COUNTY and JURISDICTION agree as follows:

1. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date County begins providing services as described herein. This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the completion of the November 7, 2023 elections results canvassing and their transmission to the jurisdictions, with termination taking effect no later than December 31, 2023. Upon termination, all obligations, rights, and responsibilities of the parties under this Agreement shall cease, except as expressly provided otherwise within this Agreement.

2. Termination

- a. **Unilateral Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by either Party upon 30 days written notice to the other Party of intent to terminate, provided, however, that the Agreement may not be unilaterally terminated by either party within 90 days of the date of an election for which the COUNTY would otherwise be providing services pursuant to this Agreement.
- b. **Termination by Mutual Agreement.** This Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties.
- c. **Termination for Breach.** In the event of a breach of any term or condition of this agreement, the Party claiming breach shall provide written notice to the other Party specifying the factual basis for the claim that a breach has occurred. If the breach is not remedied within fifteen (15) days of receipt of notice by the Breaching Party, the Non-breaching Party may terminate this Agreement without further notice.

d. Property Disposition. Any property purchased by either Party to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement shall remain the property of the purchasing Party upon termination of the Agreement.

3. Provision of Election Services. The COUNTY hereby agrees to provide election services to the JURISDICTION for all consolidated election dates during the effective term of this Agreement. The Agreement shall apply to all categories of elections including, but not limited to primaries, general elections, special elections, bond elections and override elections. Services to be provided by the COUNTY, and those that remain the responsibility of the JURISDICTION, are set forth in the Elections Task Schedule attached to this Agreement as Exhibit 1, incorporated herein by reference.

4. Limitation on Eligible Elections. It is understood and agreed that the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided exclusively for ballot-by-mail elections when such method of conducting an election is authorized by Arizona law.

5. Compensation. The JURISDICTION shall compensate the COUNTY for election services provided pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with the fees set forth in the Election Fee Schedule attached to this Agreement as Exhibit 2, incorporated herein by reference. The COUNTY reserves the right to adjust election-service fees at any time during the effective term of this Agreement upon written notice to the JURISDICTION. The COUNTY will issue an invoice to JURISDICTION at the end of the election and the JURISDICTION will pay such invoices within thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice.

6. Additional Responsibilities. While the COUNTY will use its best efforts to provide election services pursuant to this Agreement in a capable and competent manner, it shall ultimately be the responsibility of the JURISDICTION to confirm that all legal requirements have been met and that all other activities related to a given election are carried out as required. The COUNTY will provide to the JURISDICTION in advance all forms, schedules, documents and other information pertaining to each election conducted pursuant to this Agreement for the JURISDICTION's review and approval. The JURISDICTION shall provide to the COUNTY all informational materials or other election-related documents generated by the JURISDICTION for review and comment by the COUNTY prior to the distribution of such materials or documents.

7. Mutual Indemnification. The JURISDICTION hereby agrees to save, hold harmless and indemnify the COUNTY, its officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments or other costs arising out of JURISDICTION'S performance pursuant to this Agreement. The COUNTY hereby agrees to save, hold harmless and indemnify the JURISDICTION, its officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments or other costs arising out of COUNTY'S performance pursuant to this Agreement.

8. Contact Information. Communications regarding services provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be directed to the following:

COUNTY:

Election Director

219 E. Cherry Ave

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Phone: (928) 679-7896

JURISDICTION:

Contact _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: elections@coconino.az.gov

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

County Recorder

E-mail: _____

110 E Cherry Ave

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Phone: (928) 679-7860

Fax: (928) 213-9241

E-mail: ccelections@coconino.az.gov

9. Conflict of Interest. This Agreement is subject to the ARS §38-511 pertaining to conflicts of interest, the pertinent provisions of which are incorporated by reference herein.

10. Amendments and Entirety of Agreement. This Agreement together with the attached exhibits referenced herein constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties relating to Election Services for Ballot-by-Mail elections. This Agreement may be modified and/or amended only if in writing and approved by the governing boards and legal counsel for each Party.

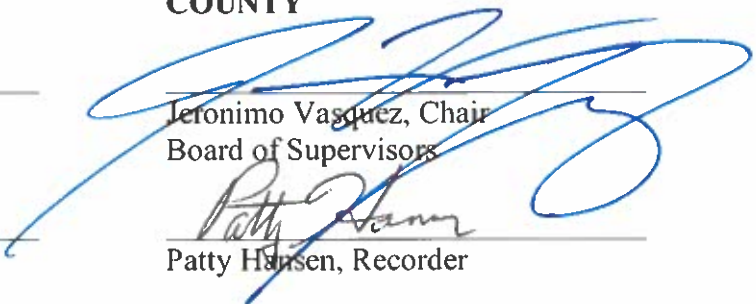
11. Dispute Resolution. If a dispute arises out of this Agreement, and if the dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, the Parties agree first to try in good faith to resolve the dispute by mediation using the Alternative Dispute Resolution program of the Coconino County Superior Court. Each Party agrees to bear its own costs in mediation.

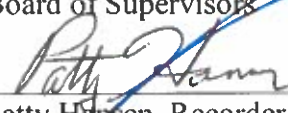
JURISDICTION

(Signature of Authorized Agent)

(Title of Authorized Agent)

COUNTY


Jeronimo Vasquez, Chair
Board of Supervisors

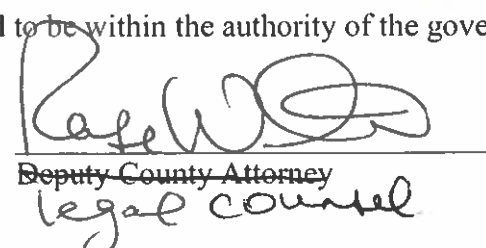

Patty Hansen, Recorder

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Reviewed and approved by legal counsel and found to be within the authority of the governing body to adopt:

Attorney for Jurisdiction


Deputy County Attorney
legal counsel

BALLOT-BY-MAIL ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT
ELECTIONS TASK SCHEDULE

Responsibilities for the conduct of elections pursuant to the Coconino County Ballot-by-Mail Services Agreement are allocated as follows:

TASK		TO BE PERFORMED BY:	
		COUNTY	JURISDICTION
Call of Election			X
Legal Advertising, Notices, etc. (also, non-resident voters)			X
Information Pamphlet (If needed)			X
Contact Printer; Order ballots or labels		Recorder	
Provide official ballot language (Including Spanish translation) no later than July 12, 2023			X*
Final Approval on ballot proof (County needs a copy of approval) no later than September 9, 2023			X
Logic & Accuracy (L&A) Test notice to the newspaper within 48 hours of L&A Test		Elections	
Perform L&A testing (Representative of Jurisdiction may be present) no later than October 10, 2023. Accessible voting equipment will be ready by October 10, 2023		Elections	
Mailing of Ballots (Ballots will be mailed to all qualified electors beginning within the allowed statutory time period A.R.S. 16-558.01)		Recorder	
Processing of ballots		Recorder	
Providing Replacement Ballots		Recorder	
Signature Verification -	Ballot affidavit signature comparison	Recorder	
	Provisional ballots	Recorder	
Tabulation of voted ballots, as permitted by (A.R.S. §16-550-B)		Elections	
Conduct Post Election L&A Test prior to completing canvass documents (A.R.S. §16-642-A), no later than November 27, 2023		Elections	
Submit the final election results to the appropriate authority for canvassing the election results.			X

Upon completion of the canvass, request the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the officer in charge of the election to prepare and issue the Certificates of Election if needed.		X
If a change in taxing district boundaries occurs, notify the Department of Revenue by November 1 pursuant to ARS §42-17257.		X

** The County can provide Spanish language translation if the jurisdiction is unable to do so. The county will bill the jurisdiction the actual cost for these services.*

THE PERFORMANCE OF TASKS AS OUTLINED ABOVE MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THE CONDUCT OF AN ELECTION AND MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AS WELL. PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS ARE ADVISED TO:

1. CAREFULLY REVIEW THE ALLOCATION OF TASKS AND DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO THE COCONINO COUNTY RECORDER OR THE COCONINO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT.
2. MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE COCONINO COUNTY RECORDER AND COCONINO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO, DURING AND AFTER ELECTIONS.
3. REFER ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ELECTION-RELATED LEGAL ISSUES TO THE JURISDICTION'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

**BALLOT-BY-MAIL ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT
ELECTIONS FEE SCHEDULE**

The following fees will apply to elections conducted by Coconino County.

- * \$2.50/per registered voter**
- * Actual cost of Native American Voter Outreach activities & services (if applicable)**
- * Actual cost of Spanish translation of ballot language (if applicable)**