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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** FEB. 25, 2020  
**TO:** Pinal County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Louis Andersen, County Manager   
**RE:** General Election Ballots

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Michele Forney has voiced concerns regarding the combined English and Spanish General Election Ballots and changes being considered by the Legislature that would require additional language concerning citizens' initiatives and the voter protection act. As the number of statewide ballot propositions and school district propositions grows, it may be deemed necessary to prepare separate ballots for English and Spanish. Michele will provide instructions in the mail ballot packages, on the Elections Department's and Recorder's Office websites, also on social media on how a voter could obtain a Spanish-language ballot. Polling places would be provided a supply of ballots in both languages. Separate ballots would also allow the use of a larger font, which would make the ballot much easier to read, and avoid issuing multi-page ballots. This has been done in both Maricopa and Yavapai Counties for multiple election cycles for their general election ballots.

Michele indicates that the cost will be minimal and covered by what is already budgeted for printing costs. The County pays our printer vendor \$0.26 per ballot. It is understood from the other two counties that they do not have a significant number of requests for the Spanish ballots. For the Recorder's Office locations, they could print Spanish language ballots on their ballot-on-demand printers from a PDF file. For the polling locations, Elections would purchase one pad of 50 ballots of each ballot style for each location. This is not a significant cost. And like the Recorder's Office locations, Elections has a ballot-on-demand printer in their office, so if it is underestimated how many requests they would get for a particular Spanish language ballot for a particular polling place, Elections could print more and have them delivered to the locations on election day.

Michele has discussed this with Chris Keller and Craig Cameron from the County Attorney's Office, and they agree that this is the best way to proceed.

Please let me know if you have any concerns.

**COUNTY MANAGER**