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PINAL COUNTY ELECTIONS

November 9, 2016

The Honorable Michele Reagan
c/o Janine Petty (jpetty@azsos.gov)
Office of the Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2808

Dear Secretary Reagan,

Please be advised that the Pinal County Elections Department was unable to conduct a hand count of the ballots for the November 8, 2016 General Election because a sufficient number of persons from each county political party did not arrive to participate. On September 28, 2016, the Elections Department contacted the party chairs for the Pinal County Democratic Party and the Pinal County Republican Party and requested that each party designate four (4) hand count board members and two (2) alternates by November 1, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. Both parties designated four individuals and two alternates well before the deadline.

The party chairs were informed that they needed to have their board members arrive at the Elections Department by no later than 8:45 a.m. on November 9, 2016. At 9:00 a.m., four (4) Democrats and two (2) Republicans had arrived. The Elections Department contacted the other two (2) designated board members and the two (2) alternates for the Republican Party and none of them were able to participate. Therefore, in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-602(B)(7), a hand count was not conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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