



# PINAL COUNTY RECORDER

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Honorable Ken Bennett  
Arizona Secretary of State  
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Dear Secretary Bennett,

Please be advised that Pinal County did not have the required participation from the county political parties for the hand count of ballots for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Therefore, in accordance with A.R.S. §16-602.C, Pinal County did not conduct a hand count. The following is a list of steps Pinal County took to facilitate conducting a hand count:

On September 10, 2014 a letter was mailed to Henry Wade, Pinal County Democratic Party Chairperson, and Seraphim Larsen, Pinal County Republican Party Chairperson. The letter was to remind them of the hand count procedures, their responsibilities and allow them sufficient time to recruit hand count board workers.

On October 29, 2014 we received a list of hand count board workers from the Democratic and Republican Parties. On November 4, 2014 our office was contacted by Seraphim Larsen, the Pinal County Republican Party Chairperson, that the Republican Party would not be participating in the hand count. On November 5, 2014 our office contacted the Pinal County Democratic hand count representative, Barbra Njos, that the hand count would be cancelled due to the Republican Party non-participation in the hand count.

Respectfully submitted,

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