CHAIN OF CUSTODY

Maricopa County

verityvote.us

January 30, 2023

Maricopa Ballot Chain of Custody from the Voter to Tabulation

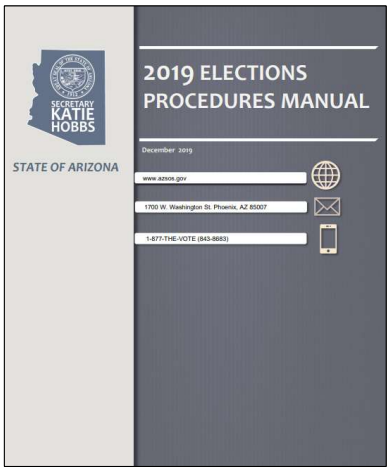
Election Day In Person Voting

Early In Person/Drop Box Voting – 6 Transfers

USPS Mail Voting – at least 6 Transfers

Chapter 2: Early Voting

I. Ballot Drop-Off Locations and Drop-Boxes

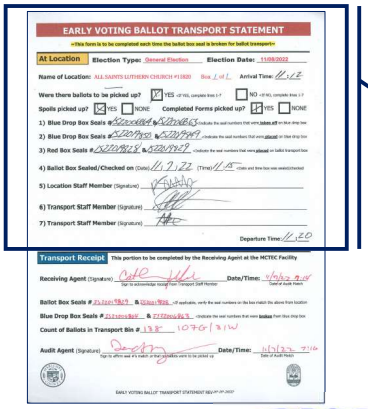


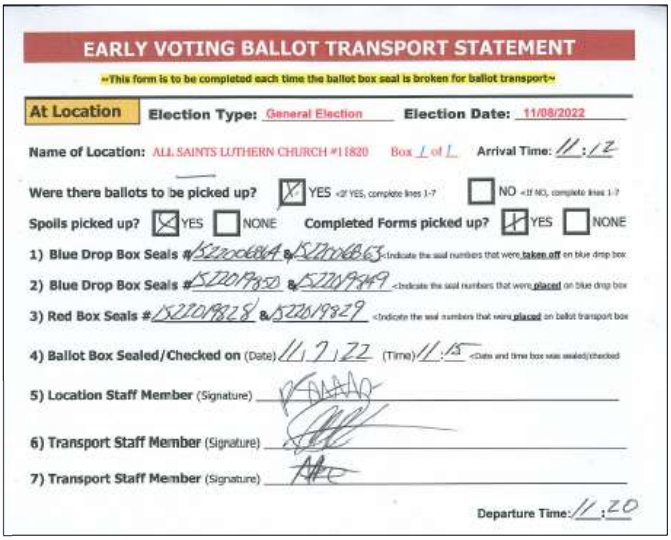
7. The County Recorder…shall develop and implement secure ballot retrieval and chain of custody procedures, which shall include the following:

d. …designated ballot retrievers shall note, on a retrieval form prescribed by the County Recorder…the location and/or unique identification number of the location ….

h. When the secure ballot container is opened by the County Recorder…the number of ballots inside the container shall be counted and noted on the retrieval form.

EARLY VOTING BALLOT TRANSPORT STATEMENT





Dropbox | Ballot Couriers | MCTEC

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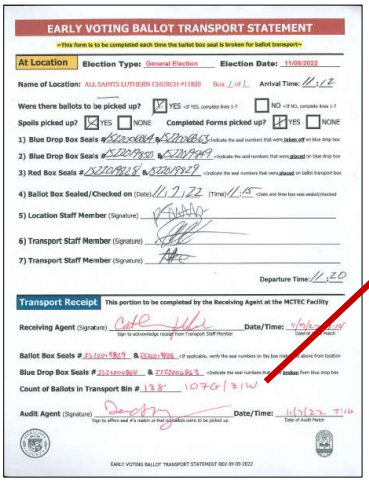

EARLY VOTING BALLOT TRANSPORT STATEMENT

Transport Receipt This portion to be completed by the Receiving Agent at the MCTEC Facility

Receiving Agent (Signature) _____ Date/Time: _____

Ballot Box Seals # _____ & _____

Blue Drop Box Seals # _____ & _____

Count of Ballots in Transport Bin # _____

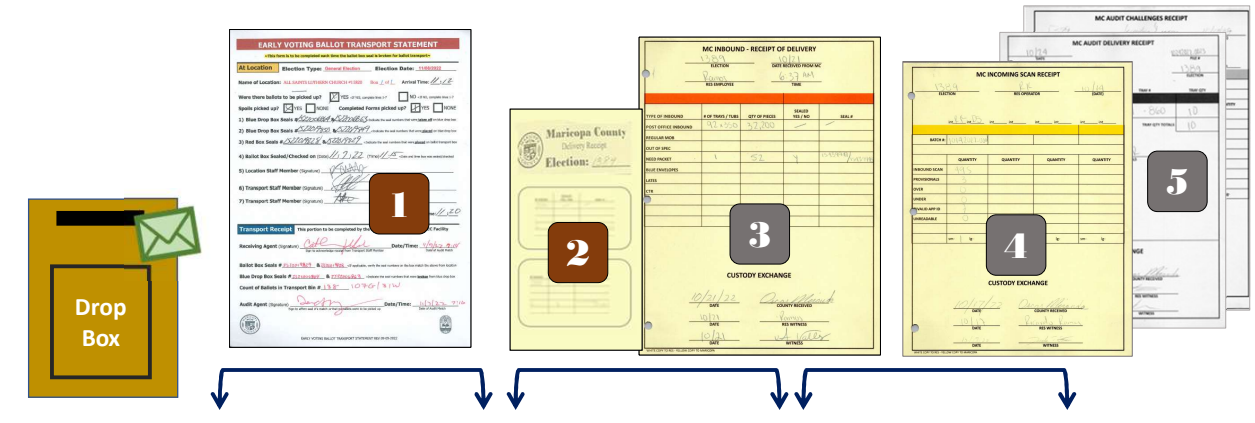
Audit Agent (Signature) _____ Date/Time: _____

EARLY VOTING BALLOT TRANSPORT STATEMENT REV 09-09-2022

Ch. 2: Sec. I(I)(7)—"**When the secure ballot container is opened…the number of ballots inside the container shall be counted and noted on the retrieval form.**"

Dropbox → **Ballot Courier** → **MCTEC**

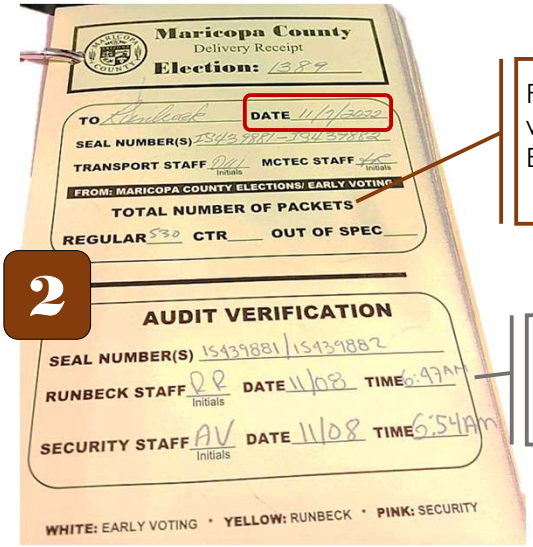
DROP BOX BALLOT CHAIN OF CUSTODY



Voter → **Drop Box** → **Ballot Couriers** → **MCTEC** → **Transport Truck** → **Runbeck** → **Transport Truck** → **MCTEC Tabulation**

Maricopa County Delivery Receipt – Created at MCTEC

- Requested prior to the Lake and Hamadeh Election Contests
- Maricopa refuses to produce these forms
- We have a list of drop box ballots that the county recorded on this form for **11/7 and prior**
- Whistleblower reported that this form was **not used for any Election Day** drop box ballot deliveries

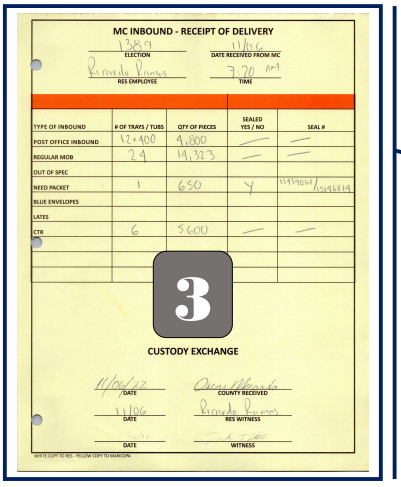


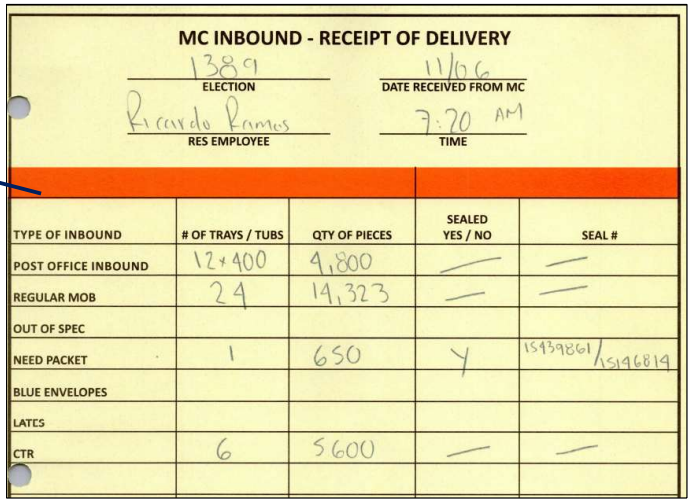
Filled out at MCTEC with precise count of EV ballot envelopes (3 types)

Filled out at Runbeck verifying seals and receipt of ballots

MCTEC → Transport Truck → Runbeck

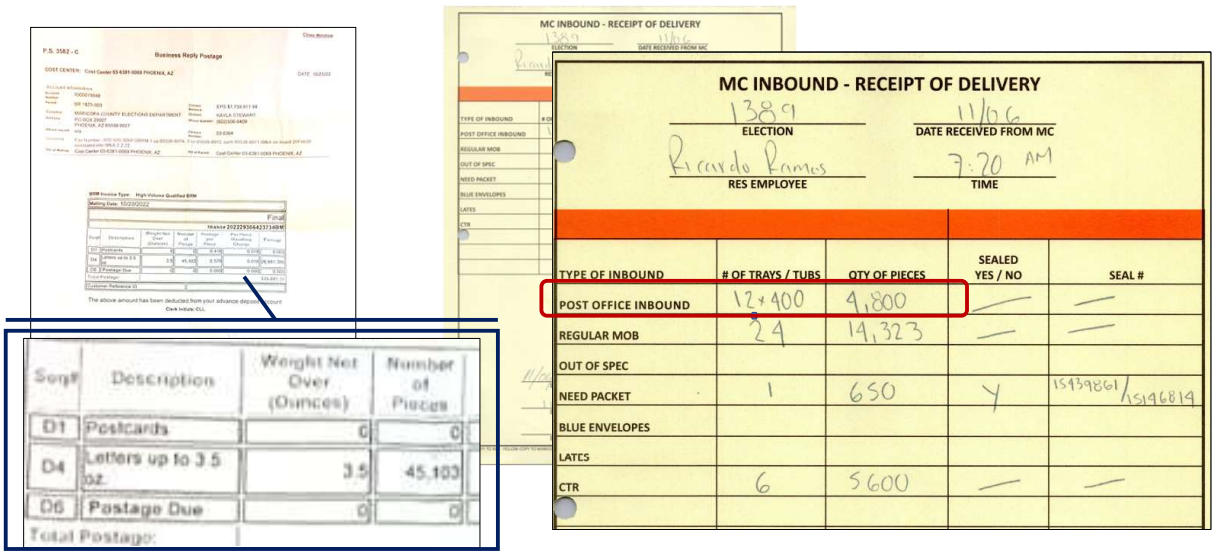
MC Inbound Receipt of Delivery – Created at Runbeck





Transport Truck → Runbeck

USPS BALLOTS – DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS



MC INBOUND - RECEIPT OF DELIVERY

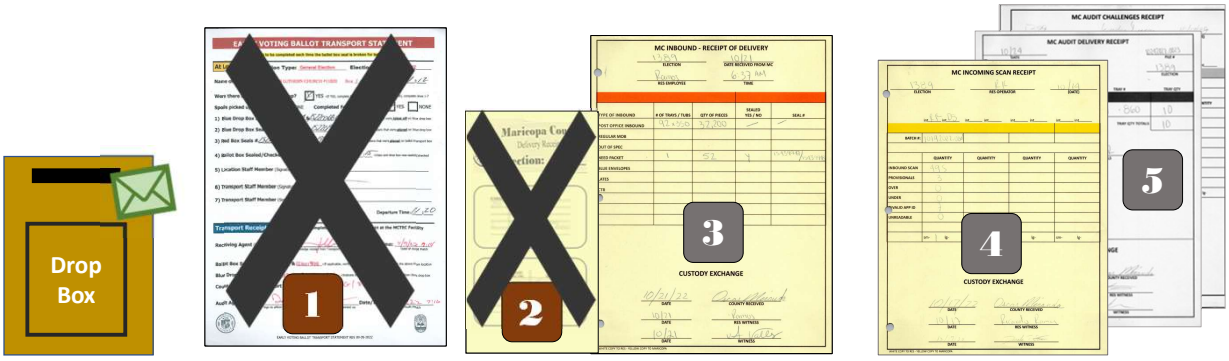
ELECTION	DATE RECEIVED FROM MC
1389	11/06
RES EMPLOYEE	TIME
Ricardo Ramos	7:20 AM

TYPE OF INBOUND	# OF TRAYS / TUBS	QTY OF PIECES	SEALED YES / NO	SEAL #
POST OFFICE INBOUND	12+400	9,800		
REGULAR MOB	24	14,323		
OUT OF SPEC				
NEED PACKET	1	650	Y	15939861 / 15196819
BLUE ENVELOPES				
LATES				
CTR	6	5600		

Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces
D1	Postcards	0	0
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz	3.5	45,103
D6	Postage Due	0	0
	Total Postage:		

Transport Truck | Runbeck

ELECTION DAY CHAIN OF CUSTODY CHANGES



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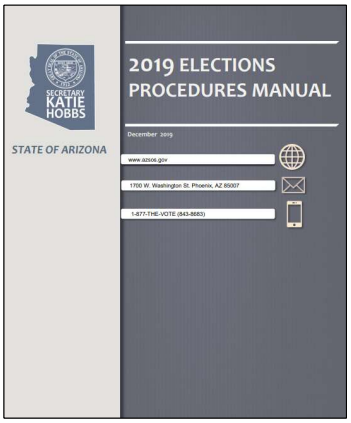
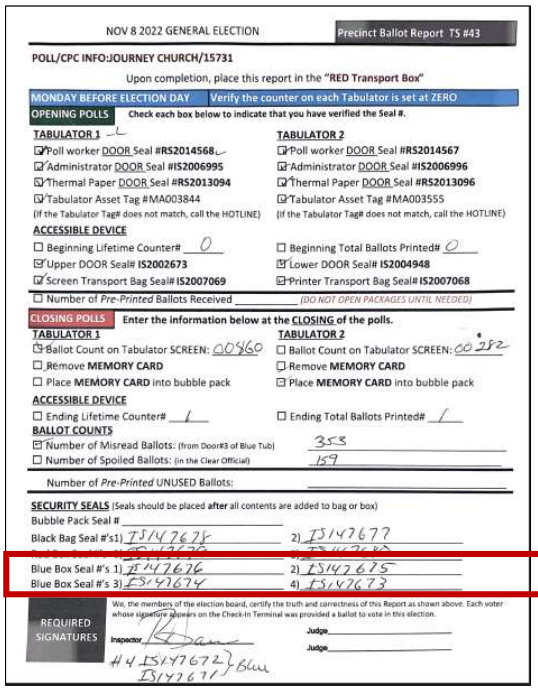
Chapter 9: Election Day Operations
VIII. Closing the Voting Location



2. The information from this audit must be recorded on an Official Ballot Report form, as provided by the officer in charge of elections, which **must include**:

g. The number of early ballots received by the voting location (unless ballots are transported in a secure and sealed transport container to the central counting place to be counted there);



NOV 8 2022 GENERAL ELECTION — Precinct Ballot Report TS #43

POLL/CPC INFO:JOURNEY CHURCH/15731

Upon completion, place this report in the "RED Transport Box"

MONDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY — Verify the counter on each Tabulator is set at ZERO

OPENING POLLS — Check each box below to indicate that you have verified the Seal #.

TABULATOR 1
- Poll worker DOOR Seal #RS2014568
- Administrator DOOR Seal #IS2006995
- Thermal Paper DOOR Seal #RS2013094
- Tabulator Asset Tag #MA003844 (If the Tabulator Tag# does not match, call the HOTLINE)

TABULATOR 2
- Poll worker DOOR Seal #RS2014567
- Administrator DOOR Seal #IS2006996
- Thermal Paper DOOR Seal #RS2013096
- Tabulator Asset Tag #MA003555 (If the Tabulator Tag# does not match, call the HOTLINE)

ACCESSIBLE DEVICE
- Beginning Lifetime Counter# 0
- Upper DOOR Seal# IS2002673
- Screen Transport Bag Seal# IS2007069
- Number of *Pre-Printed* Ballots Received _____ (DO NOT OPEN PACKAGES UNTIL NEEDED)

ACCESSIBLE DEVICE
- Beginning Total Ballots Printed# 0
- Lower DOOR Seal# IS2004948
- Printer Transport Bag Seal# IS2007068

CLOSING POLLS — Enter the information below at the CLOSING of the polls.

TABULATOR 1
- Ballot Count on Tabulator SCREEN: 00460
- Remove MEMORY CARD
- Place MEMORY CARD into bubble pack

TABULATOR 2
- Ballot Count on Tabulator SCREEN: 00282
- Remove MEMORY CARD
- Place MEMORY CARD into bubble pack

ACCESSIBLE DEVICE
- Ending Lifetime Counter# 1
- Ending Total Ballots Printed# 1

BALLOT COUNTS
- Number of Misread Ballots: (from Door#3 of Blue Tub) 355
- Number of Spoiled Ballots: (in the Clear Official) 159
- Number of *Pre-Printed* UNUSED Ballots: _____

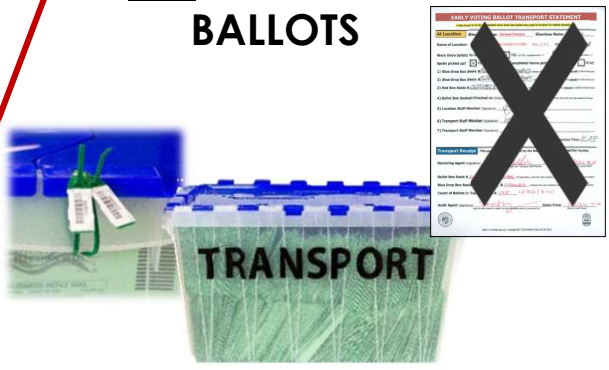
SECURITY SEALS (Seals should be placed **after** all contents are added to bag or box)
- Bubble Pack Seal # _____
- Black Bag Seal #'s1) IS147678 2) IS147677
- Blue Box Seal #'s 1) IS147676 2) IS147675
- Blue Box Seal #'s 3) IS147674 4) IS147673

REQUIRED SIGNATURES — We, the members of the election board, certify the truth and correctness of this Report as shown above. Each voter whose signature appears on the Check-In Terminal was provided a ballot to vote in this election.
Inspector _____ Judge _____ Judge _____
#4 IS147672 } Blue
IS147671

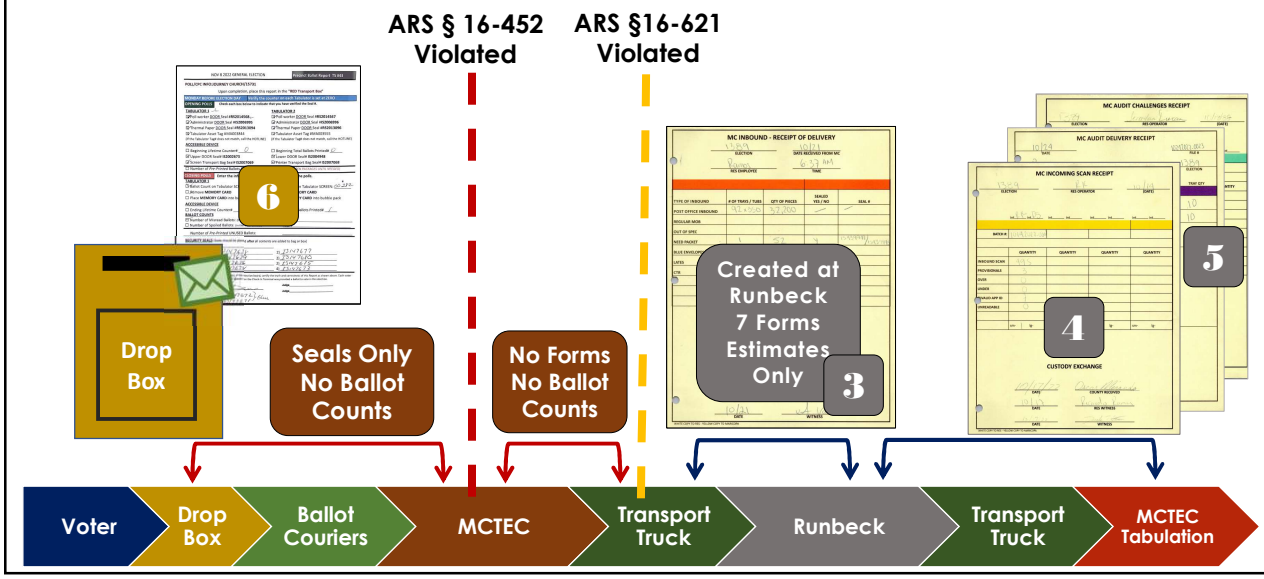
Precinct Ballot Report Election Day Procedure

Blue Ballot Transport Container Seals

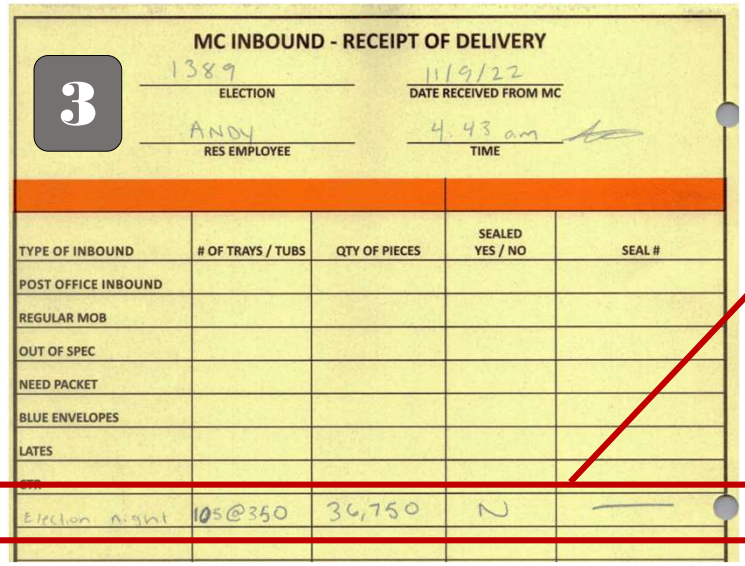
NO COUNT OF BALLOTS



Election Day Drop Box Ballot Chain of Custody Failures



MC Inbound Receipt of Delivery – Created at Runbeck



MC INBOUND - RECEIPT OF DELIVERY

3

1389 ELECTION

11/9/22 DATE RECEIVED FROM MC

ANDY RES EMPLOYEE

4:43 am TIME

TYPE OF INBOUND	# OF TRAYS / TUBS	QTY OF PIECES	SEALED YES / NO	SEAL #
POST OFFICE INBOUND				
REGULAR MOB				
OUT OF SPEC				
NEED PACKET				
BLUE ENVELOPES				
LATES				
OTR				
Election night	105@350	36,750	N	—

Election Day Drop Box Ballots Estimates Only

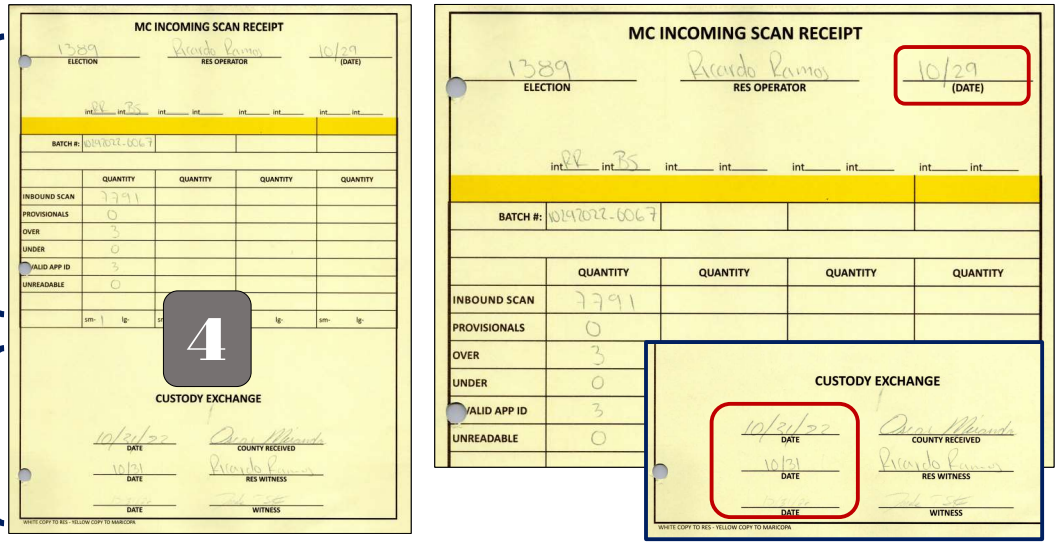
No CoC Documents
No Delivery Receipts from MCTEC Driver
No Ballot Counts
No Seals

Transport Truck → Runbeck

MC Incoming Scan Receipt– Created at Runbeck

Runbeck processing

Transfer from Runbeck back to MCTEC

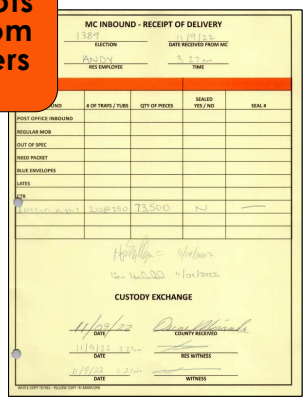


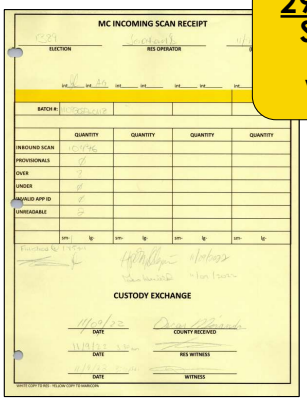
Runbeck

Election Day Drop Box Ballot Discrepancy of 35,563

263,379 Ballots Received from MCTEC Drivers

298,942 Ballots Scanned for Signature Verification

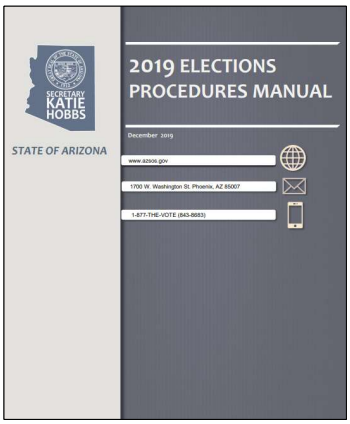




No Forms No Ballot Counts

MCTEC → Transport Truck → Runbeck → Transport Truck → MCTEC Tabulation

Chapter 10: Central Counting Place Procedures
II.A. Receiving Board

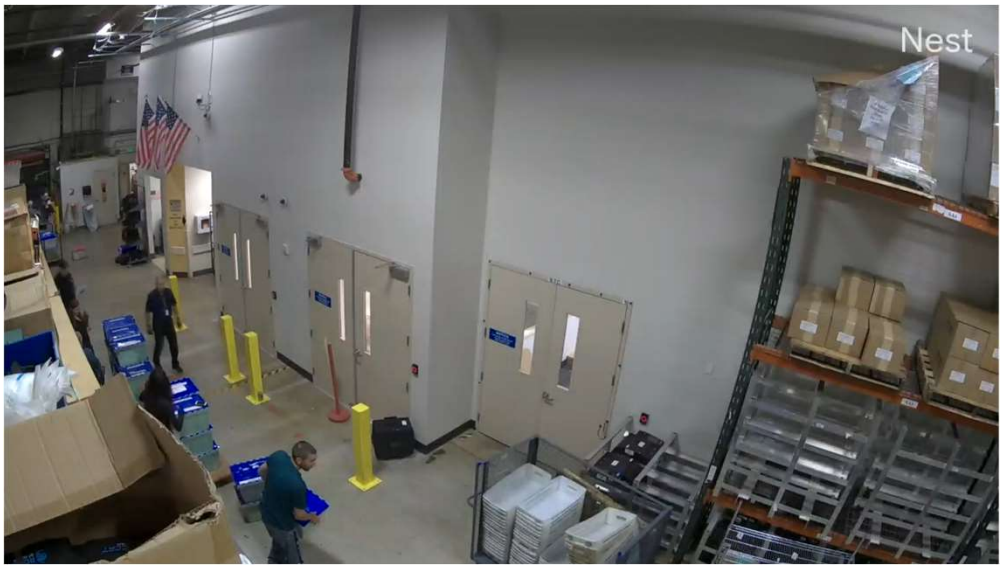


"When the ballot transfer container or alternate ballot box arrives at the central counting place, the Inspection Board shall **break the seal** and open the ballot transfer container" and then enter on the inspection board log:"

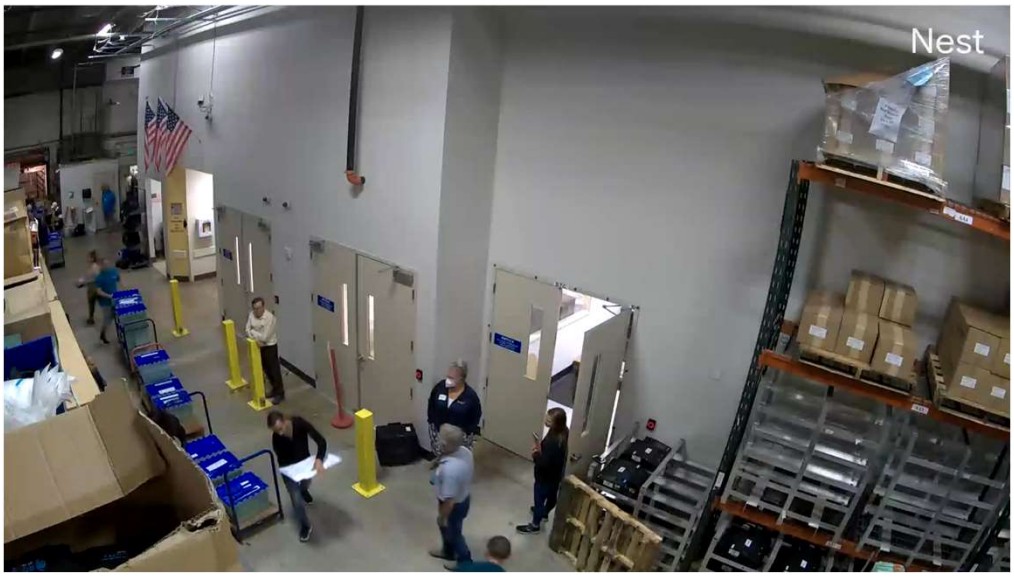
- "Precinct name and/or number or voting location"
- "**Number of early ballots dropped off at the polling place**."

MCTEC Drop Box Ballot Receiving
Election Night 2022 – Unloading Trucks

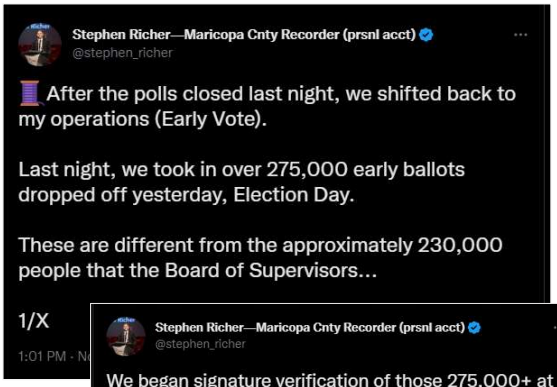
MCTEC Drop Box Ballot Receiving
Election Night 2022 – Removing Seals, Mixing Ballots

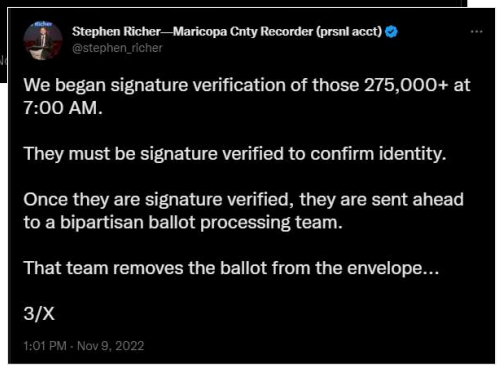


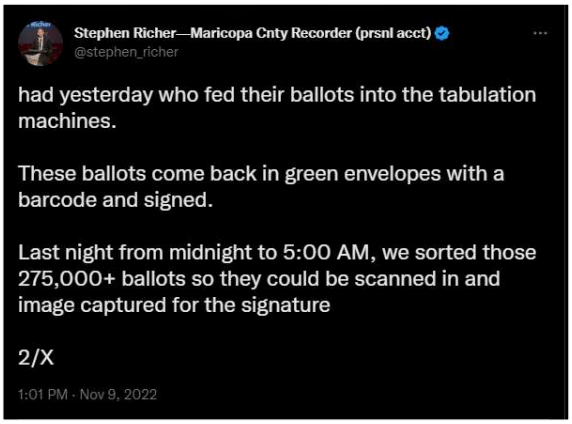
MCTEC Drop Box Ballot Receiving
Election Night 2022 - Removing Seals



MCTEC Drop Box Ballot Receiving
Election Night 2022 – Black Bag







- **Sorted from midnight until 5:00 AM**
- **Signature Verification began 7:00AM**
- **Tweeted ~275,000 at 1:00 PM**

https://twitter.com/stephen_richer/status/1590404218061717504

MARICOPA COUNTY PRESS CONFERENCE

11/9/2022
AFTERNOON

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B60uGy5W6a0

RUNBECK EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER

Runbeck Employee Could Inject Ballots into System

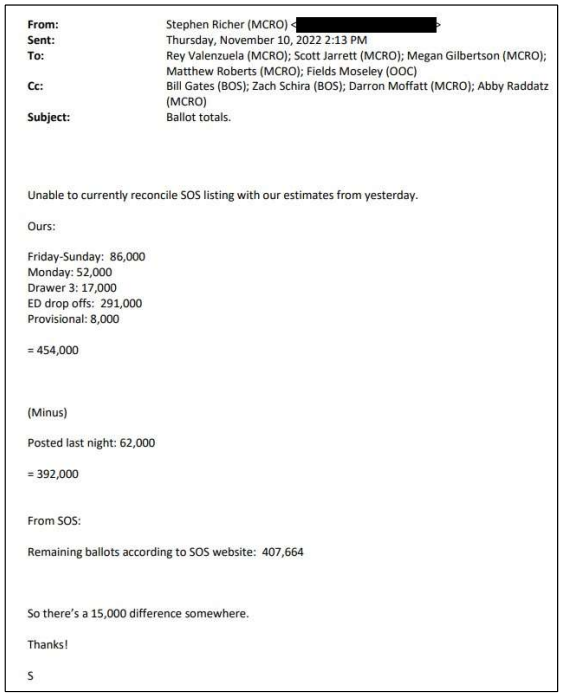
- MC acknowledged that this occurred
- MC claimed they did not know and did not approve
- With proper chain of custody, it could have been detected

No Chain of Custody Forms Used on Election Night

- No Delivery Receipts used
- No count of the number of ballots that were delivered

MCTEC Staff Called Vendor to Request a Ballot Count

- "On 11/9, at approximately 5:30PM, my lead asked me to get a count of all of the ballots received by Runbeck on Election Day."
- Total scanned by Runbeck: 298,942 (including 6,978 Provisional)



From: Stephen Richer (MCRO) <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Rey Valenzuela (MCRO); Scott Jarrett (MCRO); Megan Gilbertson (MCRO); Matthew Roberts (MCRO); Fields Moseley (OOC)
Cc: Bill Gates (BOS); Zach Schira (BOS); Darron Moffatt (MCRO); Abby Raddatz (MCRO)
Subject: Ballot totals.

Unable to currently reconcile SOS listing with our estimates from yesterday.

Ours:

Friday-Sunday: 86,000
Monday: 52,000
Drawer 3: 17,000
ED drop offs: 291,000
Provisional: 8,000

= 454,000

(Minus)

Posted last night: 62,000

= 392,000

From SOS:

Remaining ballots according to SOS website: 407,664

So there's a 15,000 difference somewhere.

Thanks!

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MANIFESTATIONS OF FAILURES OF CoC

Email from Stephen Richer
November 10th at 2:13

ARS §16-621 (E)

Election Day Drop Box Ballot CoC Records
Manifestations of Failures of CoC

Election Day Drop Box Ballot Chain of Custody	Document	Number of Forms	Count of Ballots	Notes
Retrieved from Drop Boxes on Election Day - Transported for Counting at MCTEC	EVBTS (1)	0	0	Precinct Ballot Reports have no counts of drop box ballots
Loaded on Truck at MCTEC for Delivery to Runbeck	Delivery Receipt (2)	0	0	Not used for ED ballot transfers
ED Drop Box Ballots Received at Runbeck	Inbound Receipt of Delivery (3)	7	**263,379** Estimate	Estimated by Runbeck staff no CoC docs provided by MC **Last Delivery at 4:45AM**
Ballot Evelopes Scanned at Runbeck	Incoming Scan Receipt (4)	29	**298,942**	Scanned in batches of ~10K Included 6,978 provisionals

Maricopa County Press Conference

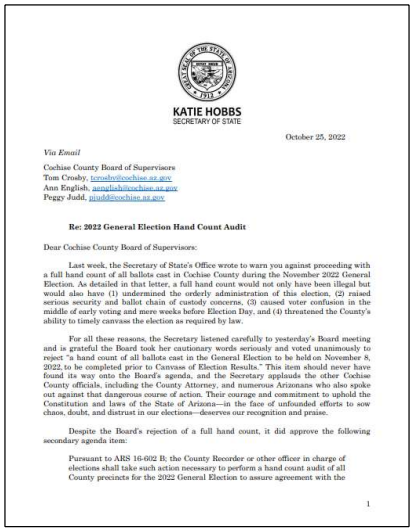
11/10/2022
Early Evening

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxqTOp_CWGA

Maricopa County Ballot Count Changes
Manifestations of Failures of CoC

Report By	Source	Date Time	Count	Notes
Stephen Richer	Press Conference	11/9 @5PM	~275,000	Almost 12 hours after the last ED DB ballots left MCTEC
Stephen Richer	PRR Email	11/10 @2PM	~291,000	"Unable to currently reconcile"
Stephen Richer	Press Conference	11/10 @5PM	~292,000	Two days after the election --an **increase of 15,000 ballots**
Maricopa BOE	Report to SoS	11/9 @7PM	Total Ballots	1,544,513 reported 24 hours after ballot deadline
Maricopa BOE	Report to SoS	11/10 @11PM	Total Ballots	1,569,603 Two days after the election-- an **increase of 25,090 ballots**

Letter to Cochise County
October 25, 2022



KATIE HOBBS
SECRETARY OF STATE

October 25, 2022

Via Email

Cochise County Board of Supervisors
Tom Crosby, tcrosby@cochise.az.gov
Ann English, aenglish@cochise.az.gov
Peggy Judd, pjudd@cochise.az.gov

Re: 2022 General Election Hand Count Audit

Dear Cochise County Board of Supervisors:

Last week, the Secretary of State's Office wrote to warn you against proceeding with a full hand count of all ballots cast in Cochise County during the November 2022 General Election. As detailed in that letter, a full hand count would not only have been illegal but would also have (1) undermined the orderly administration of this election, (2) raised serious security and ballot chain of custody concerns, (3) caused voter confusion in the middle of early voting and mere weeks before Election Day, and (4) threatened the County's ability to timely canvass the election as required by law.

For all these reasons, the Secretary listened carefully to yesterday's Board meeting and is grateful the Board took her cautionary words seriously and voted unanimously to reject "a hand count of all ballots cast in the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022, to be completed prior to Canvass of Election Results." This item should never have found its way onto the Board's agenda, and the Secretary applauds the other Cochise County officials, including the County Attorney, and numerous Arizonans who also spoke out against that dangerous course of action. Their courage and commitment to uphold the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona—in the face of unfounded efforts to sow chaos, doubt, and distrust in our elections—deserves our recognition and praise.

Despite the Board's rejection of a full hand count, it did approve the following secondary agenda item:

> Pursuant to ARS 16-602 B; the County Recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall take such action necessary to perform a hand count audit of all County precincts for the 2022 General Election to assure agreement with the

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From Secretary Hobbs

"the Board has **no discretion to deviate**" from the requirements "established by the Legislature and in the EPM," and that any attempt by the Board to circumvent the mandates of the EMP would be unlawful.

INTERIM REPORT AG BRNOVICH
APRIL 6, 2022

MARK BRNOVICH
ATTORNEY GENERAL

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF ARIZONA

April 6, 2022

The Honorable Karen Fann
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Interim Report - Maricopa County November 3, 2020 General Election

Dear President Fann:

Six months ago the Arizona Attorney General's Office (the "Office") received reports sent from the Arizona State Senate concerning its Maricopa County Forensic Election Audit. In addition, the Attorney General's Election Integrity Unit (EIU) has received and is reviewing additional complaints alleging election failures and potential misconduct that occurred in 2020.

Our team of EIU investigators and attorneys has now collectively spent thousands of hours reviewing the Senate's audit reports and other complaints, conducting interviews, and analyzing Maricopa County's election system and processes. We have reached the conclusion that the 2020 election in Maricopa County revealed serious vulnerabilities that must be addressed and raises questions about the 2020 election in Arizona.

As our state's chief law enforcement officer, I am very concerned by any potential vulnerabilities in our state's election systems, including those that the audit and other complaints have alleged. The EIU's review has uncovered instances of election fraud by individuals who have been or will be prosecuted for various election crimes.[1] The EIU's review is ongoing and we are therefore limited in what we can disclose about specific criminal and civil investigations. Thus, this interim report will focus on what our office can presently share and the current status of our review.

We can report that there are problematic system-wide issues that relate to early ballot handling and verification. The early ballot signature verification system in Maricopa County is insufficient to guard against abuse. At times election workers combatting the verification process had only seconds to review a signature. For example, on November 4, 2020, the Maricopa

[1] *See* Arizona Attorney General's Office – Fraud & Special Prosecutions Section, Prosecutions Related to Voting or Elections Since 2010, *available at* https://www.azag.gov/sites/default/files/docs/criminal/viw/EIU_Prosecutions_February_2022-02-02.pdf.pdf.

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"These are early ballots that voters drop off at designated locations, including polling locations on election day."

"These procedures **designed to preclude ballot tampering are critical** given the volume of early ballots that were dropped at these locations during the 2020 general election."