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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2014
TO: All Yavapai County Jurisdictions
FROM: Lynn Constabile, Elections Director
RE: Election Services Agreement

The 2014 election year promises to bring many changes, some of which present a considerable change to how jurisdictions in Yavapai County will have to conduct their elections. The Consolidated Elections bill, as it is known, now requires that cities and towns, with few exceptions, conduct their candidate elections during the statewide Primary and General elections. This change impacts every jurisdiction that contracts with Yavapai County for election services. One significant change is that we will no longer offer all-mail elections to jurisdictions who appear on the Primary and General Election ballots, as state law currently requires polling places (vote centers) for statewide elections. Voters may still request a ballot by mail prior to each election or sign up for the Permanent Early Voter List in order to receive their ballot by mail.

More races on the ballot significantly increases the chances of a multiple-page ballot, which increases our costs. In an effort to help alleviate the skyrocketing costs for conducting elections, we have been forced to reevaluate the fees we charge jurisdictions for election services. Our goal was to not only recoup some of the County's costs, but to also make the fees fair for all of the jurisdictions having to hold an election. The result is a fee schedule that is based on a sliding scale – the more jurisdictions who participate in the election, the lower the costs for all those jurisdictions. This new fee schedule will be heard at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 2, 2014.

Enclosed is the new Election Services Agreement, for all jurisdictions who wish to have their elections conducted by Yavapai County Elections & Voter Registration. Please return the attached Agreement to my office **no later than May 30, 2014**. If you choose to decline our services, please email web.elections@yavapai.us by May 30th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. We look forward to a successful election cycle in 2014!

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