



**KEN BENNETT  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF ARIZONA**



June 29, 2012

Mr. Brad Nelson  
Pima County Election Director  
6550 S. Country Club  
Tucson, AZ 85756

Dear Mr. Nelson:

You have timely requested approval from this office to use a method that differs slightly from that prescribed by the Procedures Manual. Specifically, the 2012 Procedures Manual was amended to require counties to presort early ballot returns by precincts or by legislative districts prior to tabulation for purposes of the early ballot audit.

As requested, this office therefore grants an exemption from this requirement for Pima County Elections for the 2012 election cycle. Please provide your alternate plan for our records no later than 5:00pm on August 10, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy B. Chan".

Amy B. Chan  
Election Director