



City of Phoenix

VOTING CENTER PROPOSAL

Overview

Under the Voting Center proposal, about 25 Voting Centers would replace traditional polling places in City of Phoenix elections, making voting more convenient and flexible. The process for early voting by mail would not change.

During the last 17 years, voting at the polls in City of Phoenix elections has steadily declined, while early voting by mail has increased (see Voting Trends Chart).

Under new state law, any registered voter may request to be added to a Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) to automatically receive a ballot by mail for all elections. In Phoenix, almost 250,000 voters are on the PEVL. For the May 2008 Election, the first time the PEVL was used, 96 percent of votes cast were by mail. In city elections since 2001, ballots by mail averaged about 85 percent of all ballots cast.

Currently, 128 polling places are established for voting on Election Day and voters are limited to voting at one specific polling place. Other challenges with the current process include:

- Voter confusion due to the same polling place locations not always being available.
- Some polling place locations are not always convenient for daily schedules.
- The number of facilities to use as polling places and available board workers continues to decline.

For these reasons, the City is proposing the Voting Center concept. This concept would apply only to City of Phoenix elections.

Voting Center Benefits

- **Ease of Voting.** Unlike voting at polling places, voters would not be limited to the one location near where they live. Voters could vote at any Voting Center that is convenient, whether close to home, work, or other activities.
- **Multiple Days.** Voting Centers would be open for several days for varied hours, such as the Saturday and Monday, before the Tuesday Election Day. On Election Day, Voting Centers would be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., which are the same hours as polling places.
- **Improved Sites, Service and Support.** Voting Centers would be located on main streets and transit routes and in business and shopping cores. Only the best locations and most qualified board workers would be used.
- **Reduced Need for Provisional Ballots.** Voters who do not vote their early ballot would not have to vote a provisional ballot at a Voting Center because the early ballot would be cancelled. Since voters can vote at any location, provisional ballots would be necessary only when voters lack the required identification or need to update their registration.
- **Cost Savings.** The significant reduction in the number of locations and workers required, and the staff time required to secure the facilities, store, prepare and deliver supplies, and secure and train election board workers, would reduce election costs dramatically. It is estimated this process would decrease election costs by approximately \$250,000.

Community Input Meeting Schedule

If you would like to learn more and provide feedback to us, please join us at one of the City's community meetings that have been scheduled to gather public input on this proposal. If you are unable to attend one of these public meetings, but would like to provide feedback, or if you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk Department by phone at 602-261-VOTE (8683) or TTY 602-534-2737, or by email at elections@phoenix.gov.

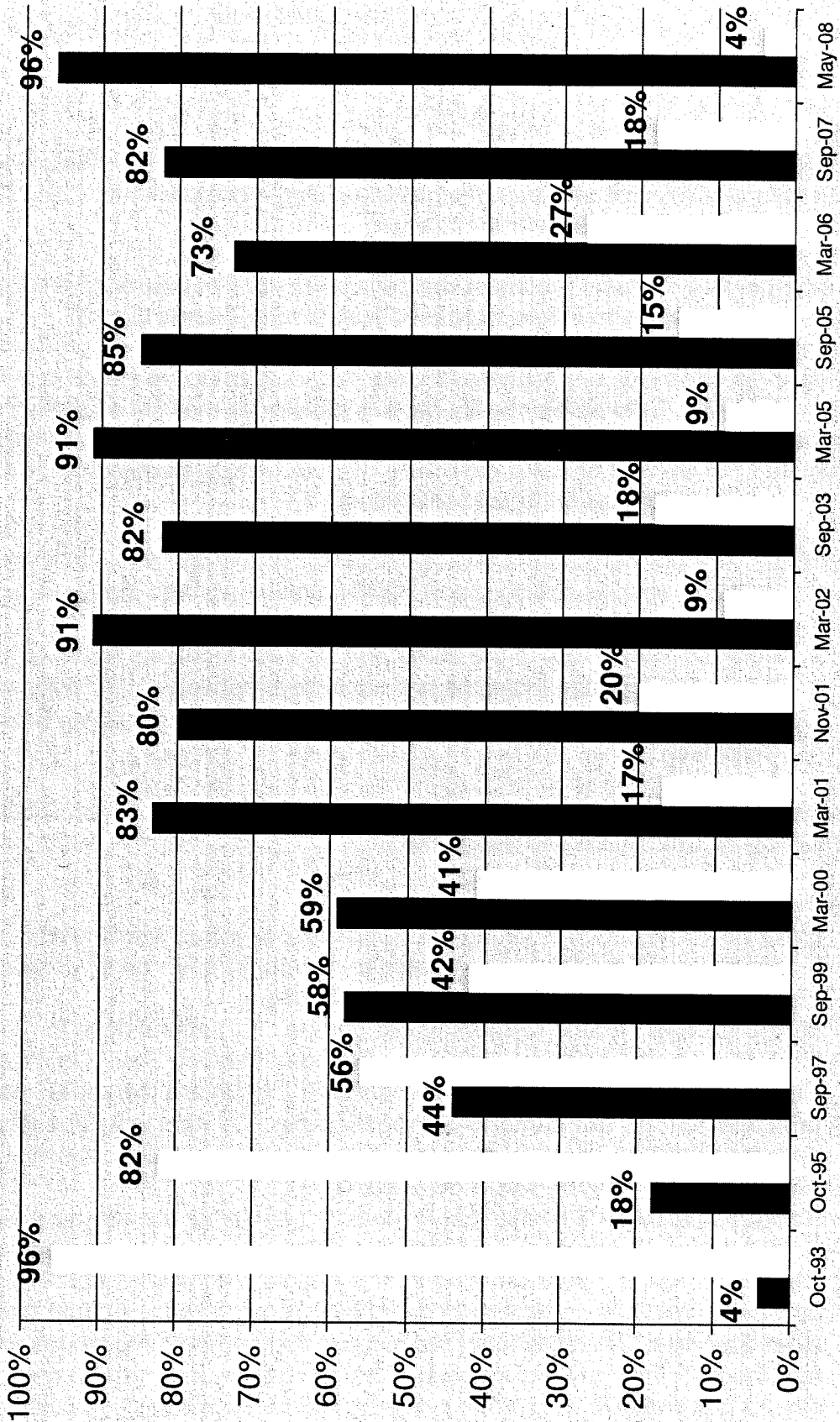
The meetings are scheduled as follows:

DATE	TIME	FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS
Monday, March 30	10:00 a.m.	Maryvale Community Center, Auditorium 4420 North 51st Avenue
Wednesday, April 1	6:00 p.m.	South Mountain Community Center, Saguaro Room 212 East Alta Vista Road
Thursday, April 2	10:00 a.m.	Steele Indian School Park, Memorial Hall 300 East Indian School Road
Thursday, April 2	6:00 p.m.	Sunnyslope Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room 802 East Vogel Avenue
Friday, April 3	10:00 a.m.	Devonshire Senior Center, Auditorium 2802 East Devonshire Avenue
Monday, April 6	6:00 p.m.	Deer Valley Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room – North 2001 West Wahalla Lane
Tuesday, April 7	6:00 p.m.	Pecos Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room 17010 South 48th Street
Wednesday, April 8	11:00 a.m.	Cesar Chavez Library, Meeting Room 3635 West Baseline Road
Wednesday, April 8	6:00 p.m.	Paradise Valley Community Center, Multi-Purpose Rooms 24 & 25 17402 North 40th Street

Voting Trends

Mayor, Council & Special Elections

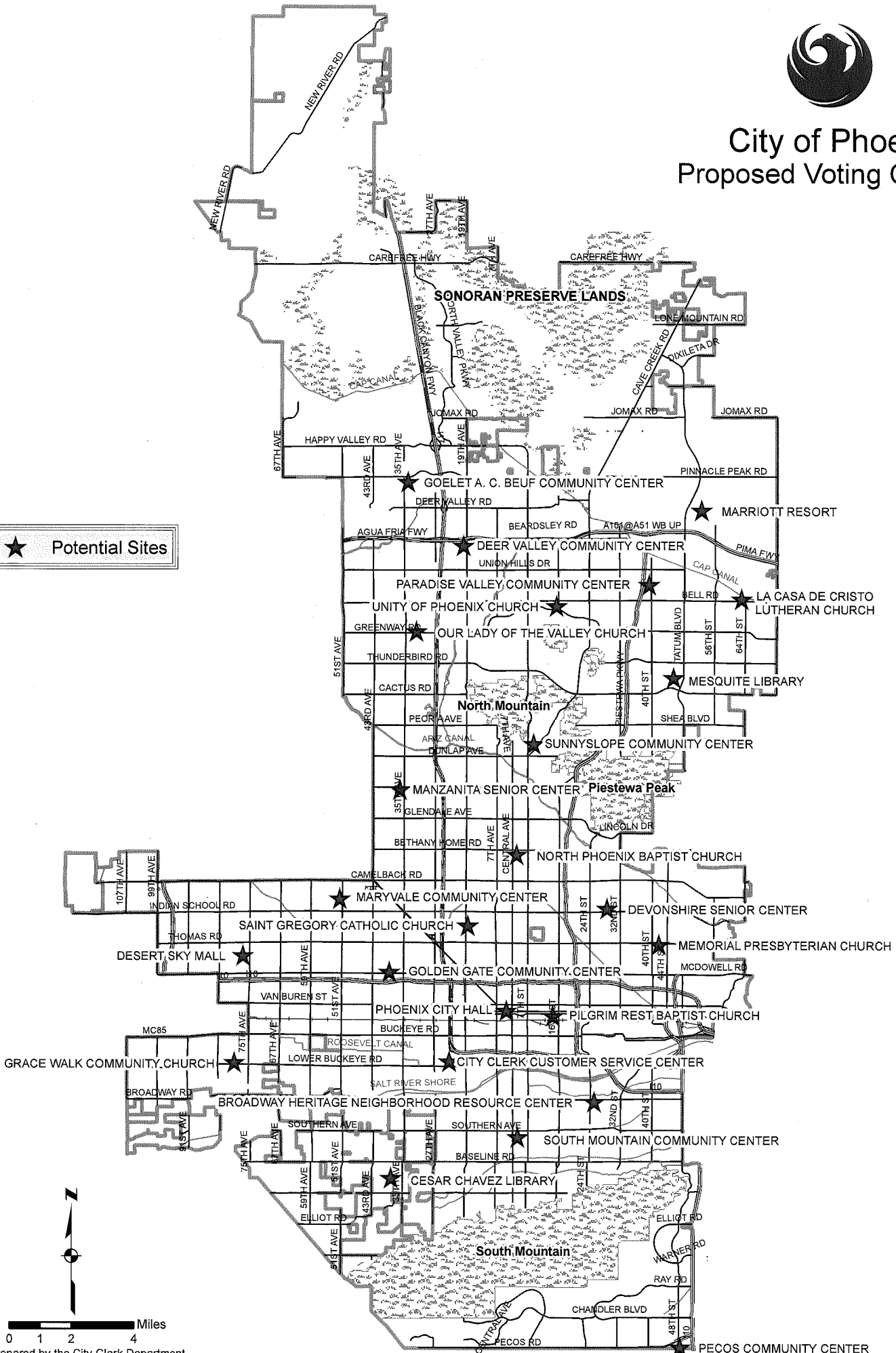
■ % Early Ballots Cast
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City of Phoenix Proposed Voting Centers

★ Potential Sites



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