

Not Signing the General Election Logic and Accuracy Test

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I have chosen not to sign the Logic & Accuracy test results for the November 8, 2022 General Election. The reason this test exists is to give people confidence that the machinery is functioning properly and the Elections Department is prepared to conduct a fair and accurate election. My primary reason for not signing this test is I feel the test is largely obligatory, and is not a comprehensive test of their preparedness. This has been a growing concern of mine since the first logic and accuracy test which I attended in 2021 for a juridical election. I have no doubt that the ballots will go through the central count tabulator with flying colors. I have participated in two hand count audits where the results of these tabulators were confirmed by the bipartisan hand count teams. However, a far greater test than today's Logic and Accuracy test took place on November 8, 2022 and that "test" or election did not go well. At least 60 sites experienced technical problems, which should have been caught in a well implemented thorough Logic and Accuracy test of the equipment.

Myself, a Republican observer, and a Republican worker appointed by me were all in attendance at the Pre-Election Logic and Accuracy test. This test took over 10 hours to complete. This length of the test was due primarily to some problems with the Accessible Voting Equipment, which they eventually resolved. Very little time was spent on the voting center tabulators. Several of the voting center tabulators (5 or 6) were there in the room, and there were no issues at all when ballots went through a test of tabulation. The tabulators in the test were selected by the Elections staff and the ballots used in the test were prepared before the test. The voting center printers were NOT part of those tests. To me anything less than a test of ALL the equipment is incomplete and does not logically or accurately test the process this equipment will be put through on Election Day. The following are examples of inadequate advance planning and testing.

- #1. Insufficient testing between the printer and tabulator equipment.
- #2. Shortfalls in poll worker training.
- #3. Inadequately stocking of supplies at satellite supply hubs. (Trips to MCTEC for paper by trouble shooters.)
- #4. More "trouble shooters" needed for the technical problems. If #1 was done, #4 would not be needed.

I believe a more thorough review of the election preparations should take the place of the largely ceremonial Logic and Accuracy test as it now exists. This pre-election test in its current state gives the impression that the Elections Department is prepared to administer a fair and accurate election. For 60 out of the 223 Voting Centers to experience trouble on Election Day is totally unacceptable. If this error rate existed in any other industry such as air travel or banking, people would lose confidence in using their services. We need the same expectation of excellence in our election services as we do in other critical safety industries. Many voters feel that their voices were silenced and they were unable to exercise their right to vote due the inadequate preparation of the Maricopa County Elections Department.

People feel angry, hurt and disenfranchised! It is beyond unfair and thus the loud cries for a new election.

Therefore I will attend, but NOT be signing the Logic and Accuracy test. I call for a change in this "test". It needs to be a real test of preparation.