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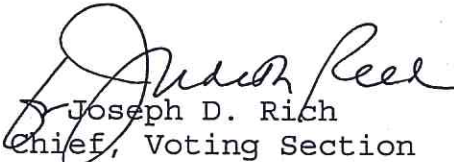
Ms. Dixie Mundy
Director, County Division of Elections
1400 East Ash Street
Globe, Arizona 85501

Dear Ms. Mundy:

This refers to the procedures for conducting the November 5, 2002, special referendum and tax election and, upon voter approval, the creation of the Gila Community College District governed by five board members elected by plurality vote from single-member districts, to serve six-year, staggered terms; the establishment of candidate qualifications, the method of staggering, and procedures for filling vacancies for the district in Gila County, Arizona, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on April 4, 2002.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.41).

Sincerely,


Joseph D. Rich
Chief, Voting Section