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TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING

Record number of vote-by-mail ballots being mailed

Early voting for the November 6, 2012 General Election has started and Ms. Rodriguez, the Pima County Recorder, wants to encourage everyone to use the voting resources available to them.

“The first wave of vote-by-mail ballots, to be mailed is over 295,000. These ballots will be mailed out beginning on Thursday, October 11th and Friday, October 12th. About 250,000 ballots will go out today, and another 45, 000 will be mailed tomorrow. This first wave beats the previous record of vote-by-mail ballots for Pima County, set in the 2010 General Election at 247,464,” stated Ms. Rodriguez. “You can still order a vote-by-mail ballot until Friday, October 26, 2012.” Ms. Rodriguez commented, “because of the volume of vote-by-mail ballots being delivered statewide ~~that~~ voters need to be patient as over a million vote-by-mail ballots are being deposited in the Postal System for Arizona Voters all on one day. Voters need to allow for additional days to receive their ballots in the mail.”

“The ballot for this election is very lengthy,” continues Ms. Rodriguez, “with every voter having over 40 items to select, including candidates, 9 statewide propositions, 22 judge retentions and bonding issues, depending on your jurisdiction. Voters should take their time voting their ballots. This is one of the advantages of using a vote-by-mail ballot.”

Voting early is easy and convenient with two different methods for early voting:

- The first method is to order a ballot to be mailed to your home. The ballot can be voted thoughtfully and leisurely in the comfort and privacy of your home. When the ballot is voted, it is simply put in the white ballot affidavit envelope, which must be signed by the voter, placed in the yellow postage-paid return envelope and mailed back to the Pima County Recorder's office.

Voters who are on the Permanent Early Voting List will automatically receive a ballot in the mail, and ***do not need to request one.***

- Any registered Pima County voter is invited to visit any one of the satellite early voting sites throughout Pima County to cast their ballot early. A list of sites and hours is available on the Pima County Recorder's website (www.recorder.pima.gov)
(for media, please refer to list of early voting sites attached)

"We have placed these sites around Pima County so that, no matter where you live, there is a convenient walk-in early voting site somewhere," said Ms. Rodriguez.

For more information, voters may log onto the Recorder's office web site at www.recorder.pima.gov, or call the Pima County Recorder's office at 724-4330. Out-of-town residents may call 1-800-775-7462 and ask for extension 4330.

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