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WHAT IS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT?

The Pima County Recorder's Office is issuing this press release to clarify the litigation challenging the Provisional Ballot processing in Pima County.

The McSally campaign is challenging any provisional ballot that was not signed by a poll worker. The sole basis of this challenge is on the fact that a poll worker may have forgotten to sign the top of the form. The voter was in the correct polling place, properly registered to vote, entitled to vote and the voter followed all of the rules to vote. However, the claim is that the ballot should still be disqualified solely because the poll worker forgot to also sign the provisional ballot form.

"Provisional Ballot" is the name given to fail-safe voting in Arizona. If there is any reason that a voter could not vote a regular ballot at the polling place, federal and state laws require that the voter be given the opportunity to vote by provisional ballot. The voter is provided with the ballot and makes his/her choices. The ballot is then sealed in an envelope. The voter's information is written on the outside of that envelope, which has 3 parts (white, yellow and pink). The top two parts go to the Recorder's Office for checking. The ballot itself stays with the Elections Department.

There are four major reasons why a voter would be offered the opportunity to vote by Provisional Ballot:

1. The voter's name was not on the poll roster or the poll workers could not find the name on the roster.
2. The voter was identified on the roster as having been sent an early ballot.
3. The voter was only in partial compliance with the identification provisions of Proposition 200.
4. The voter has changed their name.

A copy of a Provisional Ballot form is included with this release. The top half of the form is filled out by the election poll worker. The bottom half is completed by the voter. The forms are delivered to the Recorder's Office after the polls close and all provisional forms from a single polling place are kept together at all times. The Recorder's Office uses the information on the bottom half of the form to find the voter in the Voter Registration database. In reviewing the form, the Recorder's Office must determine if the voter is registered to vote, if the voter is in the

correct polling place and that the voter has not already voted either by early ballot or at another polling place. The Recorder's Office also confirms the identity of every voter by comparing the signature on the provisional ballot form with the voter's signature on their voter registration form. If all of this information is confirmed, the provisional ballot will be verified. If any of the information cannot be confirmed, the ballot will be invalidated. The forms are then returned to the Elections Department for further processing and verified ballots are then counted.

The single issue in the McSally challenge is whether a ballot that has been verified should still be rejected solely because the poll worker failed to sign the form. It should be noted that any provisional form that is not signed by a voter is disqualified during the Recorder's Office processing.

*** SEPARATE NUMBERED RECEIPT AND GIVE IT TO THE VOTER ***

*** DO NOT SEPARATE ANY OTHER PARTS OF THIS FORM ***

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FILL IN ALL SHADED AREAS		OFFICE USE ONLY	
VOTING AREA: _____ DATE: _____ (WHERE THE BALLOT WAS VOTED)		INITIALS	

COLOR STRIPE ISSUED			
PARTY (PRIMARY/PPE USE ONLY)		STRIPE	
<input type="checkbox"/> BLU/DEM	<input type="checkbox"/> SAL/REP	<input type="checkbox"/> BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/> ORANGE
<input type="checkbox"/> YEL/LBT	<input type="checkbox"/> GRN/GRN	<input type="checkbox"/> BROWN	<input type="checkbox"/> PURPLE
<input type="checkbox"/> _____		<input type="checkbox"/> GOLD	<input type="checkbox"/> RED
		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Election Official Signature

ELECTION OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE

TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER DEBE LLENARSE POR EL VOTANTE PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IMPRIMA POR FAVOR LEGIBLE		OFFICE USE ONLY	
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LAST NAME / APELLIDO	FIRST NAME / NOMBRE	MIDDLE / SEGUNDO NOMBRE	SUFFIX / SUIFIXO
RESIDENCE ADDRESS / DOMICILIO DE RESIDENCIA		APT./SP./NO. / NUM. DE APTO.	CITY / CIUDAD
MAILING ADDRESS / DIRECCION DE CORREOS		APT./SP./NO. / NUM. DE APTO.	CITY / CIUDAD
ZIP CODE / ZONA POSTAL			
BIRTH DATE / FECHA DE NACIMIENTO	FORMER NAME / NOMBRE ANTERIOR	FORMER RESIDENCE ADDRESS / DOMICILIO DE RESIDENCIA ANTERIOR	
AZ DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OR AZ NON OPERATING LICENSE NUMBER / NUMERO DE LICENCIA DE CONDUCIR DE AZ O NUMERO DE LICENCIA NO OPERANTE DE AZ		LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER / ULTIMOS CUATRO DIGITOS DE NUMERO DE SEGURO SOCIAL	

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the above information is correct, that I reside in the precinct that I am eligible to vote in this election and that I am not already voting in this election.
 Juro o afirmo bajo pena de juramento que la información anterior es correcta, que yo resido en el distrito que soy elegible para votar en esta elección y que no estoy votando en esta elección.

Voter Signature

ELECTION OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE / FIRMA _____ DATE / FECHA _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER / NUMERO DE TELEFONO _____

INSERT VOTED BALLOT IN THIS ENVELOPE - REMOVE ADHESIVE STRIP - FOLD AT PERFORATIONS AND SEAL

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