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Pima County Recorder Urges You to Update Your Voter Registration

The Pima County Recorder mailed two letters to voters for updating their voter registration: one letter went to voters who need to update their addresses, the other letter went to voters who need to update their signatures. Both letters say “Official Election Mail” on the envelope.

“This is an excellent time to update voter registration information before the August primary elections and November general elections,” says F. Ann Rodriguez, Pima County Recorder. Some voters need to provide their new residential addresses. Other voters should update their signatures, she explains, “We know that signatures change over time, and we will call, text, and email voters when signatures on a ballot affidavit don’t match the signature in our records. We can reduce these issues when we have voters’ current signatures.”

Regarding the address change letter, the U.S. Postal Service notifies the Recorder’s Office that a voter no longer lives at the address on file and provides the Recorder’s Office with the new address. Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez sends a letter to the voter at the new address with a voter registration form for them to complete with their new address, then sign and return to the Recorder’s office with postage paid by the Recorder’s office. This insures that all official election mail will be sent to the correct voter address.

Voters may also update their voter registration record at www.servicearizona.com. Using this website, the voter will also have to complete an entire voter registration form to update their address.

During the March Presidential Preference Election, Recorder staff called, texted, and sent email messages to voters who had mailed in ballots, but the signature on the affidavit (envelope) did not match

the signature on file. Staff told voters that they would soon receive a form in the mail asking for an updated signature. Voters who complete the form with a new signature will help the Recorder's office more efficiently process ballots for the upcoming primary and general elections, and staff will not be calling, texting and emailing these same voters about non-matching signatures. After signing the form, voters can return it with postage paid by the Recorder's office.

Voter signatures change over time, an 18-year-old's first time voter signature will be different than when that voter is 32 years old. Sometimes an injury or health condition will change a signature. Also, a signature on an electronic pad at the Department of Motor Vehicles looks different than a "wet" ink-on-paper signature. The Recorder's office prefers to have an updated wet signature on file.

Voters may call 520-724-4330 for more information, or email webmaster@recorder.pima.gov.

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