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Provisional Ballots

The Pima County Recorder's Office has been working on verifying Provisional Ballots cast in the 2020 General Election. The Recorder's Office received more than 18,000 Provisional Ballots on Election Day.

In addition, we are waiting for calls from voters that their signature on their early ballot needs further confirmation from the voter that they signed the ballot. This process closes on Tuesday, November 10th at 5:00 p.m.

Provisional Ballots are ballots that were voted at polling locations across Pima County on Election Day but require additional verification to be counted. Typically, two-thirds of these ballots come from voters who received an Early Ballot but chose to vote at a polling location. To accommodate these voters, they were provided Provisional Ballots.

Provisional ballots take longer to verify because of the numerous checks involved in the process designed to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the election. The entire Pima County Recorder's staff is working to ensure that every vote that can count, does count.

"There must be accountabilities in place to make certain voters only cast one ballot," Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez said.

There are a number of reasons why a voter may have voted a Provisional Ballot. These include:

- A voter moved without updating their address
- Voter did not have adequate identification with them at the polling place
- Voter was not registered or registered after the deadline to vote in the current election (the verification process will not count a Provisional Ballots cast by unregistered voters.)
- Voter went to the wrong polling place (In the State of Arizona you must vote in the Precinct you reside because not every ballot is the same. Local races, such as school board races, fire districts, water districts and even State Legislative districts, are based on specific geographical lines.)

By Arizona State Statute, the Recorder's Office has until 5 p.m. November 13, 2020 to process the Provisional Ballots. Once all Provisional ballots are completed the voter's information will be posted on the Recorder's web site at <https://www.recorder.pima.gov/VoterStats/ProvisionalBallotStatus>. The voter will have to enter the receipt number that they were issued at the polling location.

"We have never exceeded that timeframe and have always managed to get the provisional ballots processed under the strict rules of the law," Rodriguez said.

Thanks to the coordinated outreach efforts of the Pima County Communications Office, the Department of Elections, and the Recorder's Office, Pima County voters cast fewer Provisional Ballots than the 2018 General Election.



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