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## Early Ballot Text, Email Alerts Now Available in Pima County!

Pima County Early Voters can now sign up for text or email alerts about the status of their mail ballot.

The Pima County Recorder's Office tracks Early Ballots from the printer to the mailbox, all the way until they're turned over to the Elections Department for tabulation. Our office uses the envelope, otherwise known as the Ballot Affidavit, to track the ballot. This service uses a barcode to track the ballot envelope, not the ballot. All votes remain confidential through the entire ballot-tracking process. This system does not change or update your voter registration.

Voters are already familiar with our Ballot By Mail Status Check, which requires voters to visit our website for updates. Now they can receive text and/or email alerts from us as their ballot moves through the system!

Early Voters can sign up for alerts via our simple and secure signup page at [Recorder.Pima.Gov/BallotInfo](https://Recorder.Pima.Gov/BallotInfo)

In our continuing efforts to provide transparency and increase confidence in the election process, we will notify Early Voters about the progress of their ballot so they can have peace of mind about exercising their right to vote.

The ballot will be tracked until it is officially turned over to the Elections Department for tabulation. The Elections Department will then open the Ballot Affidavit envelope, separating it from the ballot, at which point the ballot then becomes anonymous.

The Recorder's Office does not share personal information, including phone number or email, with any third parties.

Once an Early Voter signs up for alerts, the Pima County Recorder's Office will send updates and notify voters when their ballot is:

- Requested – Voters will receive confirmation that they will be sent a ballot packet
- Mailed
- Received by the Recorder's Office
- Signature verified
- Turned over to the Elections Department for tabulation

We'll also provide notice if a ballot is under review and requires further action by the voter, which may occur if the signature is missing, drastically different from their voter registration record or if there's a household mix-up.

This service is only available to Early Voters who receive a ballot by mail or vote at an Early Voting Location. Ballots cast on Election Day are already accepted by the Elections Department and require no further confirmation.

If you have any questions, call 520-724-4330 or email [voter@recorder.pima.gov](mailto:voter@recorder.pima.gov).

For additional information about all things voting in Pima County visit: [pima.gov/vote2022](https://pima.gov/vote2022)