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Mail Ballot Update From the Pima County Recorder

All ballots for the Nov. 8 General Election are on their way to Pima County voters.

More than 484,000 ballots were sent to the U.S. Postal Service and scheduled to be mailed on Oct. 12.

However, there were problems with the automated sorting system and some ballots were damaged. The Post Office identified this issue and began processing the ballots by hand, causing a short delay. The issue has been resolved.

The Pima County Recorder's Office has been working with the Postal Service to make sure all ballots are processed and sent out to voters as soon as possible. We have been told the last of the ballots cleared the Tucson Postal Service facility on Monday, Oct. 17.

We have received reports that some ballots and envelopes have been damaged. Voters can contact us at 520-724-4330 if any of these materials are missing from the ballot packet:

- Ballot
- Blue instruction sheet with I Voted sticker
- Instructions on how to return a ballot, with a list of Early Voting sites
- A list of all statewide and Pima County propositions - not all of these will be on every ballot, only those in the voter's jurisdiction
- White Ballot Affidavit envelope
- Yellow return envelope

Despite the delay, there is still plenty of time to return ballots by Election Day. Voters should mail their ballots no later than Nov. 1 to ensure they reach us by Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Early Voters can now sign up for text and/or email alerts, updating them on the progress of their ballot, including when our office receives it. Use our simple and secure signup page at Recorder.Pima.Gov/BallotInfo.

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

More than 75 percent of Pima County's 633,000 registered voters use our popular Vote by Mail system. As of noon on Thursday, Oct. 20, our office has already processed, verified and turned over to the Elections Department more than 21,000 Early Ballots.