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Dear Pima County Citizens,

In 1992, I was elected as your Pima County Recorder. I had many family members and friends help with my successful campaign. Many are no longer with us but their hard work was greatly appreciated. I set my goals for improving both the Recording Division and the Voter Registration Division. After my election, we upgraded the computer system to a more state of the art technology and subsequently through the years we continued to upgrade technology options for staff and the citizens of Pima County. During my tenure, the early voting process was expanded with the introduction of the Permanent Early Voting List and many more early voting locations were opened. Currently almost 80% of votes cast in Pima County are early ballots.

I have enjoyed a special and rare journey for the past 27 years and appreciate the confidence and support of the registered voters by continuing to be elected as your Pima County Recorder. There have been abundant staff members who were fantastic, talented and dedicated staff over these 27 years assisting me in this journey by being excellent public servants. Many citizens have expressed to me that the Pima County Recorder's Office has been a model of integrity, efficiency and a proud example of providing outstanding service to the public. I have always believed this is important and critical for a healthy and vibrant Pima County government. And it has always been my desire and goal to maintain this standard and along the way demonstrate the true meaning of "public servant" in the eyes of our citizens.

During this 27 year journey, I have been very fortunate, blessed and grateful to be elected 7 times during the primary and general elections. As your Pima County Recorder, I will have overseen 7 Presidential elections and my staff has recorded almost 7 Million public record documents consisting of approximately 28 Million pages. Our motto has been "*recording history one document at a time.*"

Most of all, I personally have had a rare and special opportunity to have a job I thoroughly enjoyed, liked, loved and many times found it challenging and rewarding. The adrenaline and intensity was always in full force during election times. As some people would say "they are in election mode."

All events in life have a beginning and an end and this is also true with my journey as your Pima County Recorder. After careful and extensive personal thoughts I needed to decide whether to seek another 4 year term or was it time for me pass the mantel to someone new. I have decided to announce my tenure as your Pima County Recorder will end at the end of my current term as I will not seek re-election in 2020. This chapter of my life will close and I will begin a new journey looking forward to retirement and spending time with my husband traveling and enjoying the things we want to do.

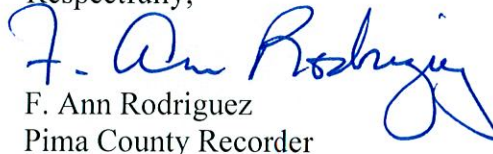
In January 2021, Pima County will have a new Recorder. It will have been a fantastic journey at the end of my current term for 28 years representing the voters and citizens of Pima County. I extend a sincere appreciation to all members of my staff both current and past. I would be remiss if I didn't also say thank you to all the media that has monitored our actions and have treated the Pima County Recorder's Office in a fair manner.

To the numerous Pima County Board of Supervisors, I extend an appreciation of collegial respect over the decades regardless of the issues or political party affiliation. You provided me the necessary budgets to operate my department. I will also prepare a smooth transition to the next elected Recorder who will have the honor to hold this office.

I will continue to perform my statutory duties as your Pima County Recorder, which includes conducting 4 elections through the balance of my current term which will conclude on December 31, 2020.

Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege to hold the office of Pima County Recorder for all these years.

Respectfully,


F. Ann Rodriguez
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