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ONLY 10 DAYS LEFT

If you are registered as an Independent or Party Not Designated and want to vote in the Presidential Preference Election, you have 10 days left to change your political party to one of the 2 political parties participating in this election, which are the Republican and Green parties. Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez would like to remind voters that anyone who wishes to participate in the February 28, 2012 Presidential Preference Election **must** be registered with the same political party affiliation as of the Presidential candidate they wish to vote for, in accordance with A.R.S. §16-241(A).

The Recorder's office has received a number of inquiries about whether Arizona's Open Primary laws apply to the Presidential Preference Election (PPE). "Remember," states Ms. Rodriguez, "this is not a primary election; it is a "preference" election. There is a difference. The results of the PPE are non-binding, meaning the winner in Arizona may not necessarily be the candidate running in the General Election in November. The Open Primary laws in Arizona don't apply to this election."

Ms. Rodriguez states "each state has different state laws that govern them and there are many states that do allow Independents and Party Not Designated

voters to participate in determining a Presidential candidate, however the State of Arizona is not one of them.”

If anyone who is currently registered to vote as an Independent or Party Not Designated wants to participate in the upcoming February 28, 2012 Presidential Preference Election, that voter will have to re-register for the political party affiliation of the candidate that they wish to vote for. They need to change their registration *no later than midnight on Monday, January 30, 2012.*

Re-registering can be done simply by completing a new voter registration form. For additional information, visit the Recorder’s website at www.recorder.pima.gov. Voters with an Arizona driver’s license or Motor Vehicle Division issued identification card may register online at the EZ Voter Registration site at www.servicearizona.com.

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The Pima County Recorder’s Office phone numbers have changed
The prefix is now **724**. The Voter Registration division’s new phone number is: 520-724-4330 and the Recording division’s new phone number is: 520-724-4350. Please make a note of the new phone numbers. Beginning in June, 2012, the old phone number will no longer connect you to either of these divisions.