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VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS NOT ALL FROM RECORDER'S OFFICE

The Pima County Recorder's Office has received a number of concerned calls regarding voter registration forms that have been mailed to individuals in Pima County. These forms are pre-printed with the individual's name and address and request that the person complete the form and mail it back in order to register to vote.

The Recorder's Office has received reports that a number of these forms are addressed to people who are already registered to vote. Some of the pre-printed names are incorrect. In at least one case, the form was addressed to and pre-filled in with the name of the family's dog.

The Pima County Recorder's Office is not involved in the mailing of these voter forms even though they have pre-printed that you return it to us.

These forms are being mailed by two different organizations, the League of Conservation Voters and the Voter Participation Center. Neither of these organizations obtained their mailing list data from the Recorder's Office. Neither organization contacted the Recorder's Office in advance of the mailing, although we have had recent contact with the League of Conservation Voters.

Under state and federal law, any organization can conduct a voter registration drive.

The Recorder's Office regularly cautions voters to only provide their voting information and ballots to people they know and trust. That same warning applies in the case of the pre-filled voter registration forms.

Pima County Recorder, F. Ann Rodriguez stated: "If you are already registered to vote at your current address, you are not required to register again unless you change your name, address or want to change your political party affiliation." Within the next two weeks, every registered voter in Pima County will be receiving a new voter notification card from the Recorder's Office. If you receive the card at your current address and the information on the card is correct, you do not need

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to submit a new voter registration form. If you do not receive the voter notification card, you should contact the voter registration office at 724-4330 to see if you need to update your registration.

In order to determine if a voter registration solicitation is from a legitimate organization, you should first check to determine if you are aware of the named organization. We do not recommend that you send a completed voter registration form to any other address except the Pima County Recorder's Office.

The safest and quickest way to register to vote is to submit the voter registration form online through the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division website, www.servicearizona.com. You must have an Arizona driver's license or MVD issued identification card to register through that site. Voter registration forms are also available at all libraries, post offices, political party offices, all city and town clerk's offices and in most government buildings. You can also print a voter registration form from the Recorder's Office website, www.recorder.pima.gov.

In Arizona, all Recorder's Offices have taken steps to ensure that only those individuals who are eligible to register to vote are allowed to do so. Every new voter must provide proof of United States citizenship at the time they submit the registration form or it is rejected. In the case of the form addressed to the pet, had that registration form been returned, it would have been rejected immediately since there would not have been a birth certificate, United States passport, Certificate of Naturalization or an Arizona driver's license record provided with the registration form that matched the information on the form.

We have no information to believe that the forms addressed to individuals who are already registered to vote or to the pet were sent intentionally to create false voter registration records. To date, all indicators point to the organization using unreliable or commercial mailing databases in order to complete the forms rather than data from any voter registration database.