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E-RECORDING BEGINS IN PIMA COUNTY

RECORDER'S OFFICE

Pima County Recorder, F. Ann Rodriguez, announced today that the Pima County Recorder's Office has developed a pilot project to allow several companies to file recording documents electronically with the Recorder's Office. This innovative and customer friendly pilot project started in April 2012.

This pilot project has allowed companies to successfully record documents electronically. Rather than submitting the original documents on paper and deliver them to our office, they are able to record the document in electronic format. The transactions occur through a secured website. The companies participating in this project use third party vendors that are able to record documents throughout the United States. In order to participate in this pilot project, the participating company must sign a contract with the Recorder's Office agreeing to the terms required under Arizona law and the Recorder's Office procedures and standards. Under Arizona State Law, the company must be a "trusted submitter" to qualify for electronic recording.

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Even though this is only a pilot project, Ms. Rodriguez, stated “that we are now receiving between 20-25% of our daily recordings through electronic recording. To date, more than 7,700 documents have been successfully recorded through this electronic process. This trend will continue to grow as more companies move forward and qualify with this new method of submitting documents for recordation purposes in Pima County.” The Recorder’s Office looks forward to expanding the number of companies participating in electronic recording. Currently the project has been limited to companies located in Pima County and has been recently expanded to include other companies throughout Arizona.

Since Arizona law requires that the company transmitting a document for recording must be a “trusted submitter”, this service is not available to members of the general public. The advantage to Pima County and the taxpayers with electronic recording is that it becomes less costly to process a document submitted for recording. With electronic recording, the pages are counted by the computer, the recording information label is applied electronically and the customer makes the image in their office. Electronically recorded documents are returned to the customer faster than by mail. The customer also saves time and money by not having to transport or mail the original document to the Recorder’s Office and receives the recording receipt by the next business day rather than several days later with a paper document. The customer also saves money by not having to pay return postage fees required under state law for submitting a paper format document.

Ms. Rodriguez expresses her sincere gratitude to all the companies that have been assisting the Pima County Recorder’s Office in this pilot project in order to

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ensure the process is working correctly for all participants. We will continue to add more companies as we move forward on this pilot project. There is a learning curve for the submitters and their staff. Ms. Rodriguez stated, “This is a win for all parties involved, for our customers and the taxpayers of Pima County.”