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Record Pace of Voted Ballots Returned For the Special Congressional District 8 Election

Pima County Recorder, F. Ann Rodriguez reported today that the early ballots for the Special Congressional District 8 General Election are being voted and returned to her office at a record pace.

185,000 early ballots were mailed out to voters in Pima County starting Thursday May 17, 2012. While we are only three business days into the early voting cycle for this election, more than **48,782** voted early ballots have been returned to the Recorder's Office.

It is common to see 10 to 15% of the voters return their early ballots within the first week of early voting. However, in this election more than **26%** of the vote-by-mail ballots have already been returned in just three business days.

Rodriguez stated "the high return rate so quickly is clearly based on the fact that there is only one office race on this ballot. A significant number of voters have already made up their mind on their candidate choice far earlier than we have seen before."

Rodriguez noted that voters who have not yet requested a vote-by-mail ballot may do so as long as the Recorder's Office receives the request by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2012. Voters can request an early ballot by calling 724-4330. Voters can also submit their early ballot request online at www.recorder.pima.gov. If a voter prefers to vote early in person, they can do so at three different sites in Pima County, 115 N. Church Avenue, 6550 S. Country Club Road and 6920 E. Broadway Blvd, suite D during regular business hours.

As required by state law, the Recorder's Office is in the process of comparing the signature on each voted early ballot with the voter's signature from their voter registration form. More than 12,000 ballots have been validated so far.

The deadline for any voter to return an early ballot is 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 12, 2012.