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EARLY VOTING HAS STARTED FOR THE ARIZONA PRIMARY ELECTION

Early voting for the August 30, 2016 Arizona Primary Election has started and Ms. Rodriguez, the Pima County Recorder, wants to encourage everyone to use the voting resources available to them.

"Over <u>261,000</u> Vote-by-Mail ballots were mailed out on Wednesday, August 3, 2016," Ms. Rodriguez commented, "Because of the high volume of Vote-by-Mail ballots being mailed, it may take a few days for voters to receive their ballot in their mailbox."

Voting Early is Easy and Convenient with Two Different Methods for Early Voting

By Mail:

- Voters who have requested to be on the Permanent Early Voting List will automatically receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Watch for the GREEN envelope in your mailbox.
- When voters receive their Vote-by-Mail ballots, the ballot can be voted thoughtfully and leisurely in the comfort and privacy of your home.
 - Vote your ballot
 - Place your voted ballot into the white ballot affidavit envelope.
 - Be sure to sign your name where indicated on the white ballot affidavit envelope.
 - Place the white ballot affidavit envelope containing your voted ballot into the yellow postage paid return envelope.

- Drop in the mail to go back to the Pima County Recorder's Office or hand deliver to one of our Early Voting Sites listed at www.recorder.pima.gov .
- Voters <u>NOT</u> on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) can just call the Recorder's office at 724-4330 to order a Vote-by-Mail ballot to be mailed to you.
- > You can order a Vote-by-Mail ballot until Friday, August 19, 2016.

In Person:

Any registered Pima County voter is invited to visit any one of the satellite early voting sites throughout Pima County to cast their ballot early. A list of early voting sites, including their hours and directions, is available on the Pima County Recorder's website at <u>www.recorder.pima.gov</u>, click on <u>Early Voting Sites</u>. All of the Recorder's Office sites opened on Wednesday, August 3, 2016.

REMINDER: Independent (IND) and Party Not Designated (PND) Voters

In the State of Arizona, Independent and Party Not Designated Voters can participate in Arizona State Primaries. This means that Voters designated as Independents or Party Not Designated are allowed to choose a ballot from one of the recognized political parties and vote that ballot. Registered Independent and Party Not Designated Voters can visit <u>www.recorder.pima.gov</u> and click on <u>Early Ballot Request</u> or call the Pima County Recorder's Office at 724-4330 to order their Vote-by-Mail ballot and designate which political party ballot they want. Selecting a political party ballot in the Primary Election will <u>NOT</u> change a Voter's voter registration; Voters keep their IND or PDN political party designations.

For more information, voters may log onto the Recorder's office web site at <u>www.recorder.pima.gov</u> and check out the new "<u>Check Your Registration</u>" option. The "<u>Check Your Registration</u>" option offers Pima County Voters the convenience to review their voter information anywhere at any time. For any additional questions please call the Pima County Recorder's office at 724-4330. Out-of-town residents may call 1-800-775-7462 and ask for extension 44330.



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