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EARLY VOTING HAS BEGUN FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION

Early voting for the March 22, 2016 Presidential Preference Election has started and Ms. Rodriguez, the Pima County Recorder, wants to encourage everyone to use the voting resources available to them.

"The number of vote-by-mail ballots, mailed in the first wave was **218,286**. These ballots were mailed out on Wednesday, February 24, 2016." Ms. Rodriguez commented, "Because of the volume of vote-by-mail ballots being delivered statewide, voters need to be patient. Over 1 million vote-by-mail ballots were mailed out through the United States Postal System for Arizona Voters all on one day. Voters need to allow for additional days to receive their ballot in the mail."

Voting early is easy and convenient with two different methods for early voting:

BY MAIL:

- Registered Democratic, Republican and Green Party Voters who are on the Permanent Early Voting List will automatically receive a ballot in the mail, and <u>do</u> <u>not need to request one</u>. Watch for the GREEN envelope in your mailbox.
- When voters receive their 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

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- Be sure to sign your name by the large \mathbf{X} 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.
- Voters registered as Republican, Democratic, or Green Party not on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) can just call the Recorder's office at 724-4330 to request a ballot to be sent to them.
- > The deadline to order a vote-by-mail ballot is Friday, March 11, 2016.

IN PERSON:

Any registered Democratic, Republican or Green Party Pima County Voter is invited to visit any one of the satellite early voting sites to cast their ballot early. Below is the list of early voting sites open for the Presidential Preference Election. All sites are open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

0	Downtown Location:	240 N. Stone Ave (Stone and Toole)
0	Southside Location:	6550 S. Country Club Rd (Country Club/Valencia)
0	Eastside Location:	6920 E. Broadway Blvd Suite D (Broadway/Kolb)

For more information, voters may log onto the Recorder's office web site at <u>www.recorder.pima.gov</u>, or 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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