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## Record Number of Vote-by-Mail Ballots Mailing Out Wednesday!

The Recorder's office will begin mailing Vote-by-Mail ballots for the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016**. "The first wave of vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed is **over 353,000**. This first wave beats the previous record of vote-by-mail ballots for Pima County, set in the 2012 Presidential General Election at 295,000," stated Ms. Rodriguez. "You can still order a vote-by-mail ballot until Friday, October 28, 2016." Ms. Rodriguez commented, "Because of the volume of vote-by-mail ballots being delivered statewide voters need to be patient, as **over 1.5 million** vote-by-mail ballots are being deposited in the Postal System for Arizona Voters all on one day. Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is the first legal day that all counties within the State of Arizona can begin mailing ballots to voters. Citizens need to allow for additional days to receive their ballots in the mail."

Ballots that will be mailed broken down by political party in Pima County:

EARLY BALLOTS REQUESTED	
Party Affiliation	Totals
Democratic	144,835
Republican	109,911
Green	1,028
Libertarian	2,445
Party Not Designated	95,462
Total	* 353,681

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Once voters have voted and mailed their ballots back to the Pima County Recorder's Office, they can go online and track the status of their vote-by-mail ballot. To check your returned ballot status go to <u>www.recorder.pima.gov</u> and click on <u>Early Ballot Status</u>. Ms. Rodriguez notes that she is hopeful that all of these voters will vote their ballots and return them to ensure their vote is counted in this upcoming election.

For more information, voters may log onto the Pima County Recorder's office web site at <u>www.recorder.pima.gov</u>, or call the office at 724-4330. Out-of-town residents may call 1-800-775-7462 and ask for extension 4330.

\*Includes Military and Overseas Voters

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