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EARLY VOTING HAS STARTED FOR THE ARIZONA PRIMARY ELECTION

Early voting for the August 28, 2018 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>285,000</u> Ballot by Mail ballots were mailed out the afternoon of Wednesday, August 1, 2018," Ms. Rodriguez commented, "Because of the high volume of Ballot by Mail ballots being mailed, it may take a few days for voters to receive their ballot in their mailbox."

Voters who have requested to be on the Permanent Early Voting List and are a registered with one of the four recognized political parties; Republican, Democratic, Green or Libertarian will receive a Ballot by Mail in this initial mailing.

Ballot by Mail Voting is Easy

- Voters who have requested to be on the Permanent Early Voting List will automatically receive a Ballot by Mail ballot. Watch for the **GREEN** envelope in your mailbox.
- When voters receive their Ballot by Mail, 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 Ballot by Mail ballot to be mailed to you.
- You can order a Ballot by Mail until Friday, August 17, 2018

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 select a ballot from one of the recognized political parties and vote that ballot. Registered Independent and Party Not Designated Voters can visit www.recorder.pima.gov and click on Early Ballot Request or call the Pima County Recorder's Office at 724-4330 to order their Ballot by Mail and designate which political party ballot they want mailed to them. Selecting a political party ballot in the Primary Election will NOT change the Voter's party designation on their 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 www.recorder.pima.gov and click on the "Check Your Registration" option. The "Check Your Registration" 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 520-724-4330. Out-of-town residents may call 1-800-775-7462 and ask for extension 44330. ###

