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Recorder Sends Applications to Vote by Mail

Today, the Pima County Recorder mailed forms to voters who usually go to polling places to vote. “In this difficult pandemic year, we want to give all voters the option of voting from home,” says F. Ann Rodriguez, Pima County Recorder. “We mailed forms to voters so they can let us know if they want to vote by mail this year, or be placed on the Permanent Early Voter List.”

A video about the form is here: <https://youtu.be/IDpw3Geh9kq>

Over 425,000 (75%) of Pima County voters are on the Permanent Early Voter List. About 6,600 additional voters have already requested ballots by mail in 2020 for many reasons including health concerns due to the pandemic.

Voters will receive a form in the mail that is partially completed with their name and address. They can select boxes to:

- Be added to the Permanent Early Voting List
- Vote by mail for the 2020 Primary Election
- Vote by mail for the 2020 General Election.

Voters who are “independent” or “political party not designated” must select which political party ballot they want to receive for the Primary Election. Their selection does not change their political affiliation to that party. Next, voters must sign and provide their date of birth. The Recorder’s office will compare the signature to the voter’s signature on file to confirm it is the correct person who signed the form. Voters may return the form with postage paid by the Recorder’s office.

Friday, July 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline to request a ballot by mail for the Primary Election.

If voters want to continue to vote at a polling location on Election Day, they should not return the form.

Polls will be open as usual on Election Day. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 4, 2020 and General Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

The Recorder's office offers two additional options for voters who usually vote at the polls, but want to vote by mail in 2020:

- Request a ballot by mail online: <https://www.recorder.pima.gov/BallotByMail>
- Request a ballot by mail by phone: 520-724-4330.

Finally, voters who enjoy the voting booth experience may also enjoy early in-person voting before Election Day. Voters may visit one of 13 early voting sites and cast their ballot in a voting booth, just like at a polling place on Election Day. Early Voting starts on Wednesday, July 8, for the Primary Election. Locations throughout Pima County are listed here:

<https://www.recorder.pima.gov/EarlyVotingSites>

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