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Voting Issues for Persons in Care Homes, Assisted Living Facilities and Hospitals

The Pima County Recorder's Office is seeking help from Pima County residents who have family members or friends who are confined in assisted living facilities and other locations.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on Arizona voters. The most significantly impacted are those in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals and other places of confinement. In many cases the individuals are only temporarily in the facility and are unable to get to their polling place or unable to receive mail. In the past the Recorders would send a special election board to the facility in order to assist the voter in receiving, voting and returning their ballot. With COVID-19's impact on residents of these facilities virtually all facilities stopped admitting visitors and guests including team members on the special elections board.

Today Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez participated in a conference call with the other Recorders in Arizona and the Secretary of State's office to strategize the best methods available to get ballots to these voters while still protecting the voter and other residents from exposure and protecting the members of the special election board teams.

The deadline to register to vote to be eligible to vote in the November 3, 2020 election is October 5. The Pima County Recorder's Office has already contacted almost 200 assisted living facilities, rehabilitation facilities and nursing homes in an attempt to register any resident who wishes to be registered. Some facilities have responded and others have not. Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez stated "Since our workers cannot get into the facilities, we need the public's help in making certain their friends and family members in those facilities are properly registered to vote and able to get access to a ballot."

Please confirm that your friends and family members who are in these facilities and who wish to participate in the election are properly registered to vote. If they wish to receive a ballot, please contact our office at 520-724-4330 to let us know the name and location of the facility so that we can make the necessary arrangements to get them the ballot. "This is a critical election at both the national and local

level. Every eligible voter who wishes to participate should be allowed to do so in a safe fashion” stated Rodriguez. Now is the time to start the process for the voters who are confined in the medical facilities. Don’t wait until the last minute.

Governor Ducey recently announced the creation of a task force to deal with issues and standards concerning opening of the assisted living and nursing home facilities. Determining who the residents are that wish to vote in the rapidly approaching election must be a top priority.

The Recorder’s office is committed to assisting Pima County’s most vulnerable populations with voter registration and voting for the upcoming General Election.



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