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## Pima County Offers Free Document Monitoring Service

Thanks to a new monitoring tool launched in April, constituents can opt in to receive alerts when their names are used in documents filed with the Pima County Recorder's Office.

This FREE, voluntary, opt-in service, approved by the Pima County Board of Supervisors in May 2022, sends automated email alerts to residents when documents are recorded using their name, acting as early warnings of potential property fraud.

Pima County offers this tool ahead of SB1110, which was signed into law earlier this year and requires all Arizona counties to have it in place before Jan. 1, 2025.

The legislation provides funding for some counties to defray the cost of implementing the new technology. Funding was not offered to those counties that already had the tool or were in the process of installing it. Pima County will not receive any funding from the state to provide this service.

Recorder Gabriella Cázares-Kelly was neutral on the new law, as Pima County had been working on the notification project for nearly a year when the bill was signed in April 2023. The protections are a courtesy to the public, but she said property fraud is rare and not as rampant as the bill's sponsors claimed.

"There are many safeguards in place to prevent documents from being fraudulently recorded and our office has not encountered this issue. However, we decided soon after taking office that we wanted to provide this as a courtesy to our constituents to provide them with peace of mind," she said.

"This tool is part of our effort to update and improve our Recording Services and our entire Records Management System."

You can sign up for Fraud Guard on our website.