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Gabriella Cázares-Kelly, Recorder

Pima County Recorder's Role as a Candidate for 2024 Election

The Pima County Recorder's Office is a non-partisan office committed to serving all Pima County Constituents. It is directed by Gabriella Cázares-Kelly, the elected, partisan Recorder.

In their official capacity, the Recorder is a non-partisan constitutional officer responsible for Voter Registration, Early Voting, Signature Verification and Document Recording for Pima County.

Cázares-Kelly is running for reelection and her name will appear in the Democratic Federal Primary Election ballot on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. She is running unopposed and will presumptively receive enough votes for her name to appear on the Presidential Federal Election ballot on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. It is presumed that a Republican challenger will be on the same ballot.

As an election officer, Cázares-Kelly is obligated to perform her regular duties leading the office and supporting her team during a difficult and grueling election cycle. When she took office, she swore an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Arizona in her official capacity as Recorder.

The policies and procedures that ensure a safe and secure election do not allow the Recorder, or anyone else, to be alone with ballots. However, because of increased scrutiny on election security, the Recorder's Office is implementing additional ballot safety protocols to ease concerns about perceived impartiality while Cázares-Kelly is an active candidate in the election she is also facilitating.

Aside from the Recorder's personal voting, the Recorder will:

- Not handle blank ballot stock, unvoted ballots, voted ballots or signed ballot affidavits
- Not act as a courier of blank ballot stock, unvoted ballots, voted ballots or signed ballot affidavits
- Not serve as an Early Voting/Emergency Voting Site worker, Team Voting Worker or Ballot Drop Off Location Worker
- Not act as a general phone line operator and only respond to elevated phone calls if no other Recorder's Office administrator is available
- Limit their physical presence in Early Voting/Emergency Voting/Ballot Drop Off locations to conduct only administrative business, and only if no other Recorder's Office administrator is available
- Limit their physical presence in the secure Ballot Processing Facility
- Not possess keys to the Ballot Processing Facility, either ballot room, ballot printer storage room or secured key boxes
- Have read-only permissions to the Voter Database
- Continue to follow Arizona and Federal Law and uphold the oath they took upon assuming office

The Pima County Recorder's Office is confident that these additional practices will reassure the public that Cázares-Kelly is given no unfair advantage and that our elections will be conducted accurately and fairly.