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## **Small Number of Test Ballots sent to Pima County Households**

Thirteen Pima County households were sent ineligible test ballots.

During the testing of our new process for Early Voting, it was necessary to create valid records based on real addresses.

Unfortunately, those records were not removed from the voter database before being sent to our printer. Thirteen households received ballots addressed to test names such as, "TEST ONE VOTER."

Voters in these households have been called and informed of the error and instructed to return or destroy the unvoted ballots.

These records are not eligible to vote and if submitted by a member of the household, our normal checks and balances will prevent these ballots from being accepted in our system and the ballot affidavit will automatically be disqualified.

We're informing all our constituents of this situation because voter confidence is of utmost importance to the Pima County Recorder's Office. We are committed to accuracy, integrity and transparency in all our operations.

For this reason, we want to assure voters that only verified voters who have requested a mail ballot are eligible to participate in this election.

This will not prevent any voters at these addresses from voting and the security of the process remains secure.