“Voter Assistance: How Can I Continue to Vote?”

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Voter Assistance

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Help Getting Registered

• If you are not registered, you can register at anytime.
• In order to vote in an election you must be registered by 29 days before that election.
• The first time that you register you need to provide proof of citizenship:
  • AZ drivers license or non-operating ID #
  • Tribal ID #
  • Naturalization #
  • Present or send copy of birth certificate
  • Present or send copy of US passport
Help Getting Registered

• To be eligible to register you must be:
  • A United States Citizen (does not effect your tribal status)
  • A resident of Arizona
  • At least 18 by the date of the next General Election
• You cannot be:
  • A convicted felon who has not had your civil rights restored
  • Adjudicated incompetent
Help Getting Registered

• Where can I register?
  • County Recorder / Elections Department
  • Tribal Offices
  • Social Services Offices (WIC, AHCCCS, etc)
  • Department of Motor Vehicles
  • Political Parties
  • Outreach booths at events such as Pow Wows, Fairs, etc.
Help Getting Registered

• When you register you can choose to belong to a party or not.

• If you do not select a recognized party in the September Primary elections you can select the ballot you would like.

• In a Presidential Preference Election only those voters registered to the party are eligible to participate.
Help Getting Registered

- Once you register you only need to re-register if you:
  - Move to a new address
  - Change your mailing address
  - Add or change political party
  - Change your name
  - Your signature changes
- Proof of citizenship is not necessary when updating your registration.
Help Getting Registered

- If you need help getting registered contact your local county office or your tribal election coordinator.
- If you have an Arizona Driver’s license you can register online at www.servicearizona.com
Early Voting Options

- Voting by Mail per election
  - You can request an early ballot for any election that you wish to vote by mail and not go to the polls
  - Requests are taken starting 93 days before the election up until 11 days prior:

  ![Calendar Image]

  - **Last Day for Mail**
  - **Election Day**
Early Voting Options

• Voting by Mail per election
  • To make a request you can:
    • Call your local County Recorder/Elections Office
    • Make an online request at their website
    • Send a written request in the mail
    • Fill out an Early Ballot Request Card

Early Ballot Request Form:

- For all elections I am eligible for.

Solicitud de Boleta de Votación Temprana: Todas las elecciones en que puedo votar.

To automatically receive an early ballot by mail (without having to request each time, for each election) mark the box below, complete and return this card.

Voter's Signature / Firma del Votante: I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct.

Juro o afirmo bajo pena de perjuicio que la información de arriba es verdadera y correcta.
Early Voting Options

- Voting by Mail per election
  - You want to vote this way if it is only for one election that you would like to get your ballot in the mail.
  - You would only get a ballot for that one election.

- Perhaps you will be out of town that day or if you are not feeling well enough to go to the polls.
Early Voting Options

• Permanent Voting by Mail Lists
  • If you would always like to get a ballot by mail you can request to be on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL)
  • On the Maricopa card just be sure you select the box for the permanent list

Check this box here
Early Voting Options

- Permanent Voting by Mail Lists
  - 120 days out from each election you will get a card in the mail to confirm that you are still at the same address.
  - If you want a ballot, you do nothing; one will be mailed to you.
  - If you need to make a change, want to go to the polls, or remove yourself from the list note that on the card and mail it back in.

- Check here to be removed
- Check here to cancel the ballot
Early Voting Questions

- How do I mark my vote?
  - Depending on your county you will either fill-in the arrow:

- Or you will fill in the oval:
Early Voting Questions

• What type of pen should I use to mark my vote?
  • Blue or black ball point/roll-tip pens
  • Blue or black felt tip (not ones that will bleed through)
  • #2 Pencil

• **BASIC IS BETTER!**
Early Voting Questions

• What should I NOT use to mark my vote?
  • Colored ink—especially red
  • Glitter pens
  • Thick markers which will bleed through the ballot
  • Crayons
  • Highlighters
Early Voting Questions

• What if I make a mistake?
  • If there is time before the election you can return the ballot for a replacement. Be sure to check the box on the back of the envelope saying that you are spoiling the ballot.
  • Call your county office and they will send you a new ballot.
  • If there isn’t time to get a new ballot in the mail, you may go to the polls on Election Day. You will be asked to vote a provisional ballot.
Early Voting Questions

• When do I need to mail my ballot back?
  • You need to be sure that the county will have your ballot by 7 PM on election night.
  • The postmark does not matter.
  • You can drop off your early ballot at any polling place.

• Can someone else take my ballot in for me?
  • You can give your ballot to someone you trust to turn in for you, but please be sure that it is someone you know and trust.
Early Voting Options

• Early Voting Sites
  • You can also go to an early voting location if you prefer
  • Contact your local County Recorder &/or Elections Office and they can provide a list of their sites
  • Your District offices and Chapter Houses may also have the list so you may want to check with them.

One of Maricopa County’s locations:
Early Voting Options

- Early Voting Sites
  - Times and dates may vary at locations based on the facilities business hours, but the early voting period at the County offices begins 33 days prior to the election until the Friday before.
Early Voting Options

• Early Voting Sites
  • Many of the Tribes will organize trips to the early voting offices. See if that is offered in your area, or if it could be.
  • You can also contact your local political party and see if they offer rides to early voting locations and to the polls on Election Day.
Early Voting Options

- Special Election Boards
  - If you are unable to go to an early voting site and don’t have anyone to help you vote at home but need assistance marking the ballot, you can request a Special Election Board.
  - The SEB are bi-partisan board of a Democrat and a Republican who will come to your home and help you to cast your ballot.
  - You want to contact your local county office to schedule well in advance of the election.
Election Day at the Polls

- The polls are open on Election Day at 6:00 AM.
- The polls close at 7:00 PM. Anyone in line at that time has the right to vote.

OPEN  
CLOSE
Election Day at the Polls

- The polls can be busy when they first open with voters stopping by on their way to work, and at the end of the day with voters coming after work.

- To possibly avoid waiting in line, come in the middle of the morning or mid-afternoon.
Election Day at the Polls

- You can also bring in someone to assist you.
- They can be any age and do not have to be related to you.
- And you may get them started young!

![Image of people voting]

![Image of child with voting materials]
Election Day at the Polls

- Many counties in Arizona are required to provide language assistance in one or more of the Native languages at some or all of the polling locations.
- If you, or someone you know, needs translation assistance contact your local county to see if it is available in your area.
- Some counties have specific outreach workers who can help you.

Apache County Elections:

- Ganado Outreach Office: Matthew Noble (928) 755-3859
- Chinle Outreach Office: Virgil Attson (928) 674-3067
• Polling places can change. Be sure to read your Sample Ballot, Publicity Pamphlet and other materials to locate where you vote.
Election Day at the Polls

• You can also go to the county website to locate your polling place:
Election Day at the Polls

If you vote at the polls you will need to take ID with you.

1. Provide **ONE** form of photo ID off **LIST ONE**
   or
2. Provide **TWO** forms of non-photo ID off **LIST TWO**
   or
3. Vote a provisional ballot and provide ID within **THREE** days at an ID Verification Site. (Five days in the Presidential Election)
LIST ONE: ONE REQUIRED

Photo ID Options Bearing Name & Address

• Valid Arizona driver license
  
or
  • Valid Arizona non-operating identification
  
or
  • Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
  
or
  • Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification
LIST TWO: TWO REQUIRED

Non-Photo ID Options Bearing Name & Address

- Utility Bill of the elector dated within 90 days of the date of the election. Utility bill may be for:
  - Electric
  - Gas
  - Water
  - Solid waste
  - Sewer
  - Telephone
  - Cellular phone
  - Cable television
LIST TWO cont.:  
TWO REQUIRED

Non-Photo ID Options Bearing Name & Address

- Bank or credit union statement dated within 90 days of the date of the election.
- Valid Arizona vehicle registration
- Vehicle insurance card
- Indian census card
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
LIST TWO cont.:
TWO REQUIRED

Non-Photo ID Options Bearing Name & Address

- Property tax statement of the elector’s residence
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification
- Voter registration card or Recorder’s certificate
- *In some counties* you can use any “Official Election Material” mailing bearing the elector’s name and address.
Non-Photo ID Options Bearing Name & Address

- There is proposed language to clarify what is tribal ID:
  - Tribal identification or enrollment card issued under the authority of a federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, community, or band ("tribe"), a tribal subdivision or the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
  - Certificate of Indian Blood issued to a tribal member under the authority of a tribe or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
  - Voter registration card for tribal elections issued under the authority of a tribe;
  - Home site assignment lease, permit or allotment issued under the authority of a tribe, tribal subdivision, or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
  - Grazing permit or allotment issued to a tribal member under the authority of a tribe, tribal subdivision, or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

- This has not been finalized or precleared by the Department of Justice so please check with your county prior to Election Day.
• To get a standard ballot that you will feed through the ballot counting machine, you need ID from the list with an address which matches the address you are registered at.

• If the ID does not have an address, or the address doesn’t match, you will vote a provisional ballot.
Election Day at the Polls
Photo ID

Votes provisional ballot. Voter DOES NOT have to return.
Voter DOES NOT have to provide any other ID.
Election Day at the Polls
Non-Photo ID

Votes provisional ballot. Voter DOES NOT have to return.
Voter DOES NOT have to provide any other ID.
Election Day at the Polls

• Please do not take offense when the boardworkers ask for ID, they are only complying with the law as it was passed by Arizona voters in 2004.

• The Supreme Court is currently reviewing ID laws in Indiana and it may have an impact in Arizona.
Important Voter Information

• Alternative formats
  • Many of the counties offer materials in Large Print, Braille, and audio recordings
  • Contact your local office to find out what is available in your area.
  • Polling places also have touch screen voting machines able to provide Large Print & audio at the polls
Important Voter Information

• Some counties have information on their websites:

Click here To get this brochure in Navajo
Important Voter Information

- This winter Inter Tribal Council and Maricopa County Elections created these three outreach pieces specifically designed to address the needs of Native Voters:

  - **Voter Registration Information**
  - **Early Voting Information**
  - **Basic Voter Information**
Important Voter Information

- They can be found at [www.recorder.maricopa.gov](http://www.recorder.maricopa.gov) along with our O’odham audio glossary of election terminology:

I also have CDs with the brochures or you can pick up additional copies at the Inter Tribal Council table.
Important Voter Information

- What are the election dates for the rest of 2008?
  - May 20\textsuperscript{th} Jurisdictional Elections
  - September 2\textsuperscript{nd} Primary Election
  - November 4\textsuperscript{th} Presidential General Election
We expect a big voter turnout this fall and hope you are a part of it!