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**ADDITIONAL  
EARLY VOTING  
INFORMATION**

# Can the voter information line handle the volume of voters this fall?



- In the month of October leading up to the 2004 Presidential election our voter information line took over **150,000** calls.
- We had over **25,000** calls on Election Day.
- The average wait time was **less than 2 minutes**.
- We have a less than 10% drop off rate which is one of the best in the nation (recent congressional hearing on this are available on the House Administration website).

# Can the website handle the volume of voters this fall?



- Our website had **86,605** hits on Election Day for the Presidential Preference. (20,074 the day before and 4,715 the day before that).
- We have never had the site crash or hit maximum capacity.
- **However:** Voters may have difficulty using the site if they enter information which differ from their registration (IE registered as William but enter Bill etc.)

# Can the website handle the volume of voters this fall?

- *Additionally*, voters do experience problems checking their polling place if they do not fill in the street type field (Dr, St, Av, etc) or enter that information in the textbox for the street name.
- We have bolded this information to help alleviate confusion.



## MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS POLLING PLACE LOCATOR

Selecione una pag

1. **Polling places are open from 6:00am to 7:00pm on election day.**
2. To find out the name and address of your polling place, complete the form below.
3. **Please enter your residence address of record. In most cases, this would be the residence address you indicated on your most recent voter registration application. Street suffix should normally be left blank unless your street has a suffix (for example: 14000 W Anystreet Cir N 85555). Do not enter any periods in street name (for example: 1000 W St John Dr 85555).\*See below\***
4. A sample ballot for your address entered can be viewed from the results page 15 days prior to the current election.

house no:	street direction:	street name:	street type:	street suffix:	zip code:
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Search

Clear

*Example of registered voter's address: 14000 W Anystreet Cir N 85555*

House No = 14000

Street Direction = W

Street Name = Anystreet

Street Type = Cir (leave empty if not applicable)

Street Suffix = N (leave empty if not applicable)

Zip Code = 85555

Bolded  
text

Example

# What do I use to mark my early ballot?



## Early Voting Instructions / Instrucciones para Votación Temprana

**PRESIDENT / PRESIDENTE**  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)  
(VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1)

ADAMS, JOHN ←

JEFFERSON, THOMAS ←

Print name of Write-in Candidate HERE

### QUESTION 1 / PREGUNTA 1

A "Yes" vote shall.. Un vote de "SI" tendrá..  
A "No" vote shall.. Un vote de "No" tendrá..

YES / SI ←

NO ←

**TO VOTE:** Connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice with a Pencil or Black Ball Point Pen (no red ink).

**PARA VOTAR:** Conecte las dos flechas para indicar su elección con un Lápiz o Bolígrafo Negro (no tinta roja).

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Mark your ballot with a **Pencil or Pen (No Red Ink)**.
- Complete only those arrows pointing to your selection(s). Do not make any stray marks on the ballot.
- Check both sides of the ballot for candidates, questions or propositions.
- If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, **DO NOT TRY TO CORRECT IT. INSTEAD, CHECK THE SIGNATURE BOX LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE PORTION OF THE ENVELOPE ABOVE THE SIGNATURE BOX.** Enclose ballot and return to the Elections Department for another one.

- Once you have finished voting, **SIGN the Affidavit** on the return envelope, in the space provided, and place ballot into the envelope, seal and mail. **Your ballot will not be counted without a signature on this Affidavit.** You also have the option to hand deliver your ballot and Affidavit to the Elections Department. Despite which method you use, in order to be valid and counted, the ballot and Affidavit must be received in the office of the County Recorder, other officer in charge of elections or it may deposited at any polling place in the county no later than 7:00 PM on election day.

### INSTRUCCIONES:

- Marcar su boleta con un **Lápiz o Bolígrafo Negro (No Tinta Roja)**.
- Complete las flechas apuntando hacia sus selecciones solamente. No haga ninguna tachadura en la boleta.
- Revise los dos lados de la tarjeta de votación por candidatos, cuestiones o proposiciones.

### TO CAST A WRITE-IN VOTE:

- Print the authorized write-in candidate name(s) atop of the shaded text area provided.
- Complete the arrow pointing to your write-in vote.
- Don't write a candidate's name that already appears on the ballot in the "Write-in Candidate" area.

### PARA ELEGIR UN CANDIDATO POR ESCRITO:

- Escriba el nombre del candidato por escrito autorizados con letra de imprenta en el texto sombreado en el espacio indicado.
- Conecte la flecha que indica su elección por escrito.
- No escriba el nombre de un candidato que ya aparece en la boleta en el área "Candidato".

BEFORE / ANTES

AFTER / DESPUES

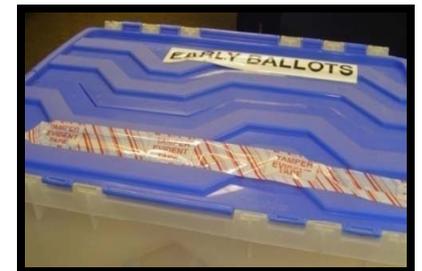
# What about my signature on the outside of the envelope? Is that safe?

- Voters have the option to encase their return envelope in their own, larger envelope if they have this concern.
- We have 580,000+ early voters and a few dozen do this every election.
- MCED does not pay for this additional postage.
- Voters can also hand deliver their ballot to any polling place or to any MCED office up to 7PM on Election Day.



# When do I need to mail my ballot returned to the Elections Dept?

- You need to be sure that MCED 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.
- You can drop off your ballot at any early voting location or MCED office.



# How do I know if you got my ballot or if there were any issues?



- Voters can call our information line and we can track the reception and processing of your ballot.
- If you fail to sign the envelope or the signature does not match we will call the voter. (*More on this in a minute.*)

# Is ID necessary if I vote at an early voting site?

- ID is not necessary to vote at an early voting location as all Early Ballots have the voter's signature verified.
- Ballots are placed in the same early voting envelope and signed by the voter—they are processed the same way.



Be a **VIP**:  
**V**ote  
**I**n  
**P**erson!



# Who opens the ballot envelopes?

- Ballots envelopes are opened by citizen boards which are bipartisan.
- The political parties can appoint workers.
- Citizen boards open the ballot envelopes.
- They confirm:
  - Are the envelopes still sealed?
  - Are all the envelopes in the batch?
  - Has there been any tampering?
  - They have final determination on bad signatures.



# Ballot stuffing? *No way!*

- The citizen boards review each envelope prior to opening.
- Envelopes which appear to have been tampered with are given a more thorough review by management with calls to the voter if necessary.
- There would be no way for anyone (post office, vendor, neighbor, MCED etc.) to open an envelope undetected and swap a ballot.
- Again, envelopes must be signed by the voter or the ballot is not accepted.



# How would you know if a voter returned their early ballot but still voted at the polls?

- If an early voter chooses to go to the polls to vote they will be asked to vote a provisional ballot based on the “X” next to their name.
- Prior to that provisional ballot being processed we will check to see if the voter returned their early ballot or not (**1** vote per voter please):



158	Scan:	NO	Ev:	A
Status	N	Reason	B13	Id 0

EV was returned so their provisional ballot did not count

# Are any marked ballots thrown away?

- **NO BALLOTS ARE THROWN AWAY!**
- Ballots which are spoiled at the polling place are retained and archived.
- Ballots which are duplicated are retained and archived.
- ALL provisional ballots are retained and archived.
- Early ballots are all retained and archived.
- Ballots cast at the polling place are retained and archived.

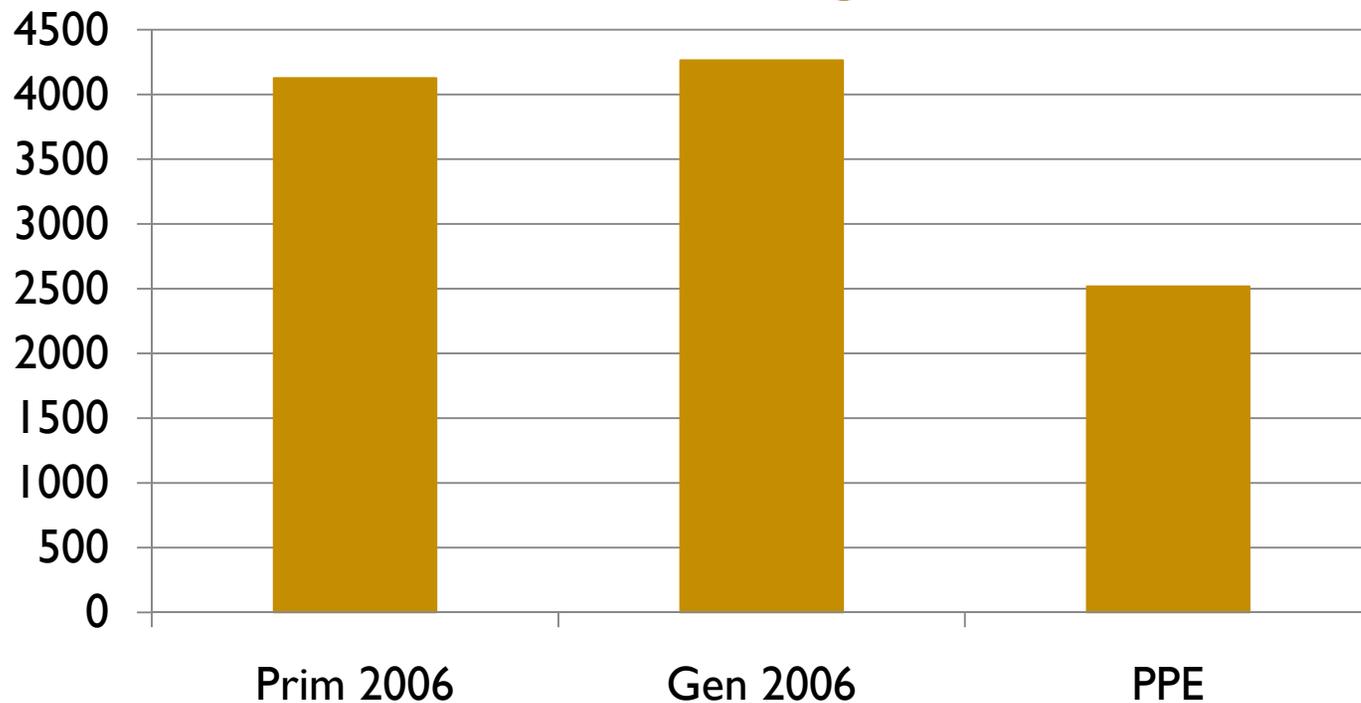


# Remember, if you vote at the polls:

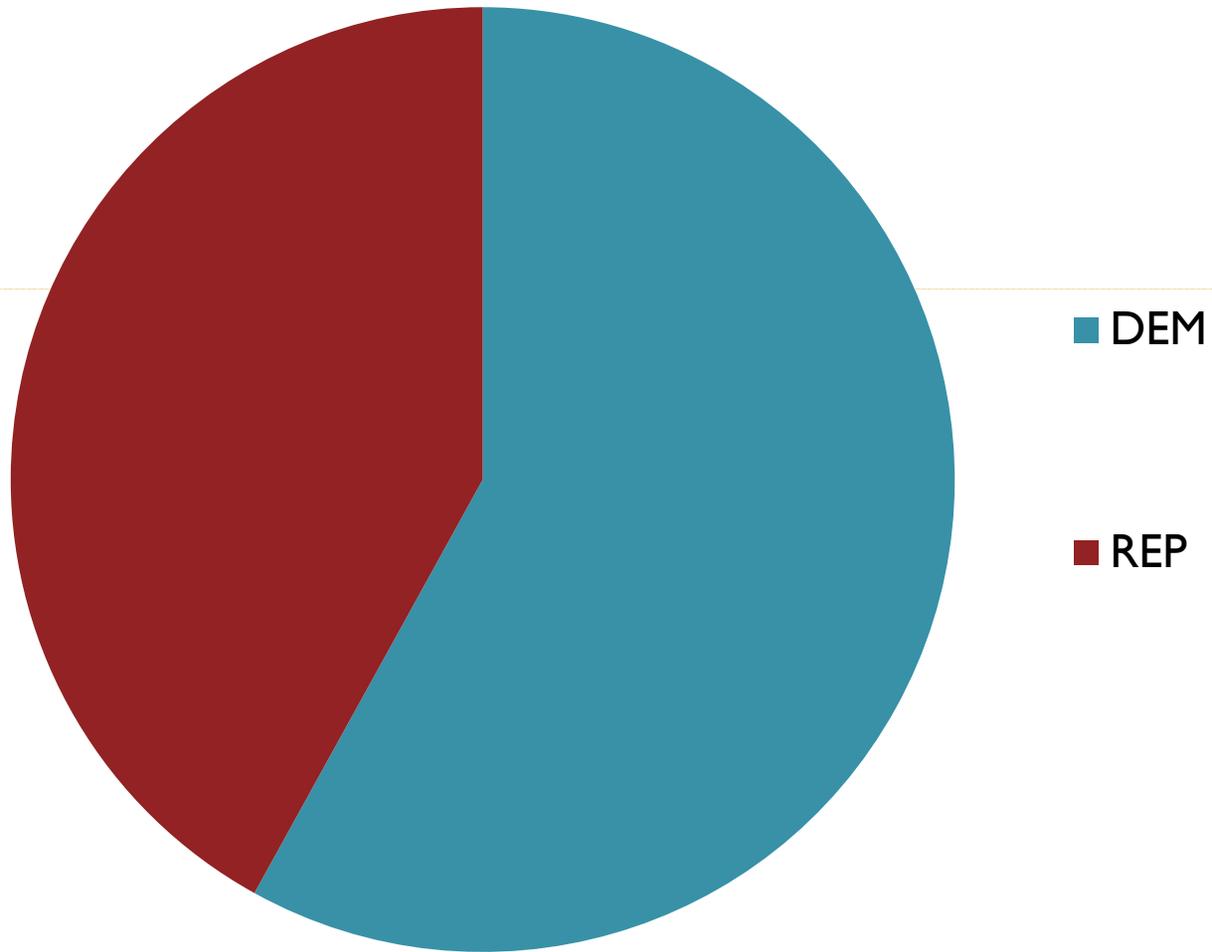
- You must provide proper ID.
- You must go to the correct polling place for your address of residence:



**# Voters Who Cast a Provisional Ballot at the Wrong PP**



# PPE Provisional Ballots Cast at Wrong PP by Party Affiliation:



For both parties 40% of these voters were born before 1960 & 60% born after 1960



## In summary:

- Early voting is safe.
- Early voting is secure.
- Early voting is convenient.
- Early voting eases Election Day congestion at the polls.
- Early voting is an effective tool to “Get Out the Vote”.

