

Maricopa County Elections Department  
Community Network  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008

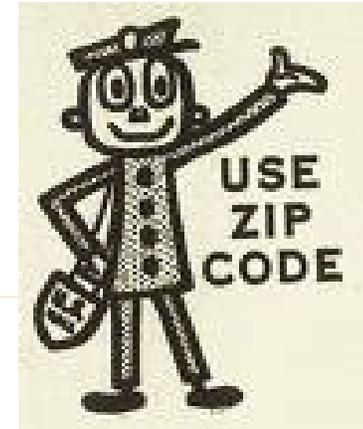


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# **EARLY VOTING**

# Early Voting (EV)

- Early Voting Trends
- Early Voting by Mail
- Early Voting On-Site
- Tabulation of Ev's
- Dispel the Myths



# Early Voting Elsewhere:



Russia



Florida



Nevada



Indiana



Texas



South Carolina

# Early Voting Elsewhere:

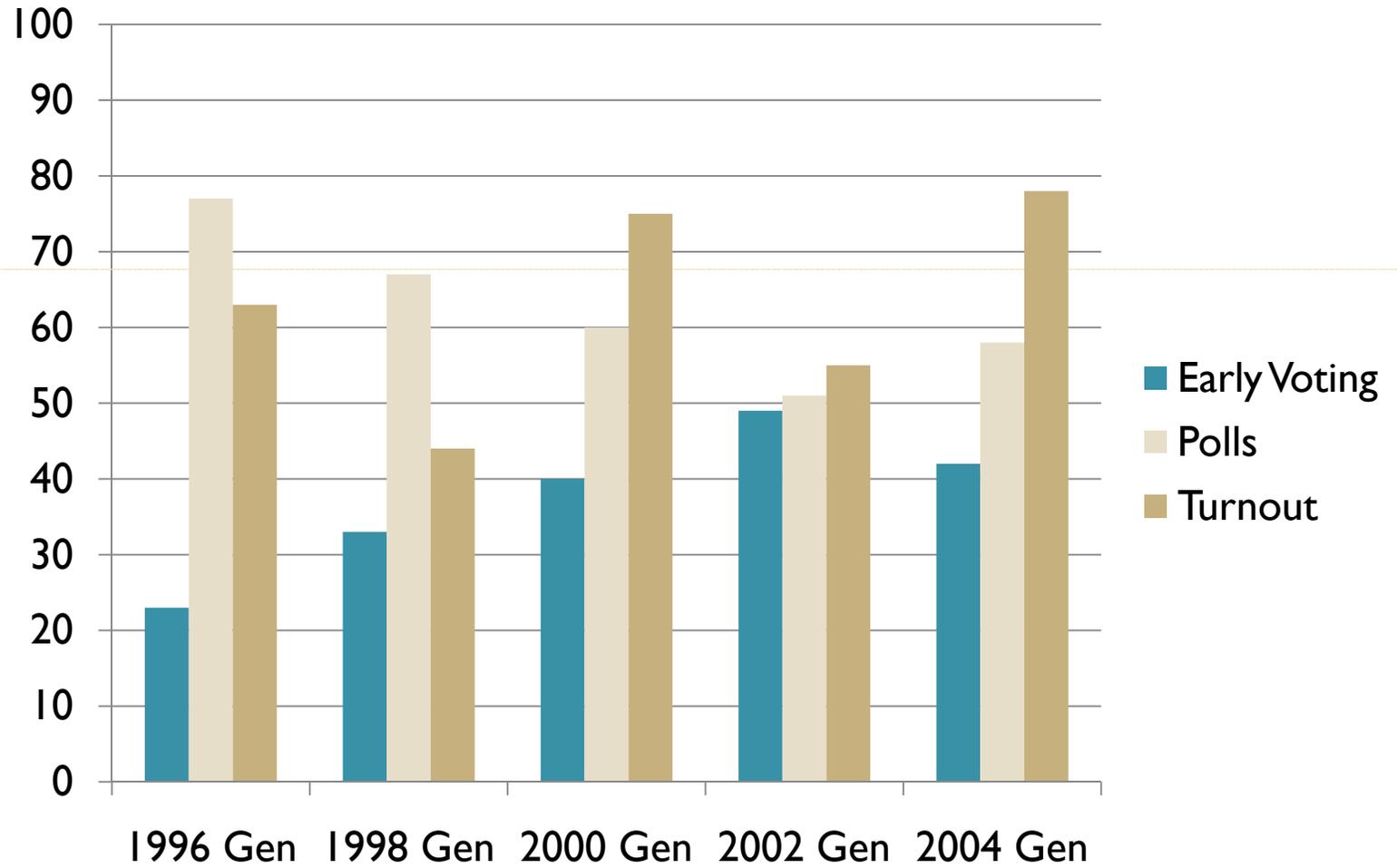
- Many jurisdictions and states still only allow voters to vote absentee with an excuse.
- In those areas voters **HAVE** to go to the polls which can result in:
  - even longer lines
  - voters without transportation or assistance encountering obstacles in voting



**VS.**



# Early Voting Trends





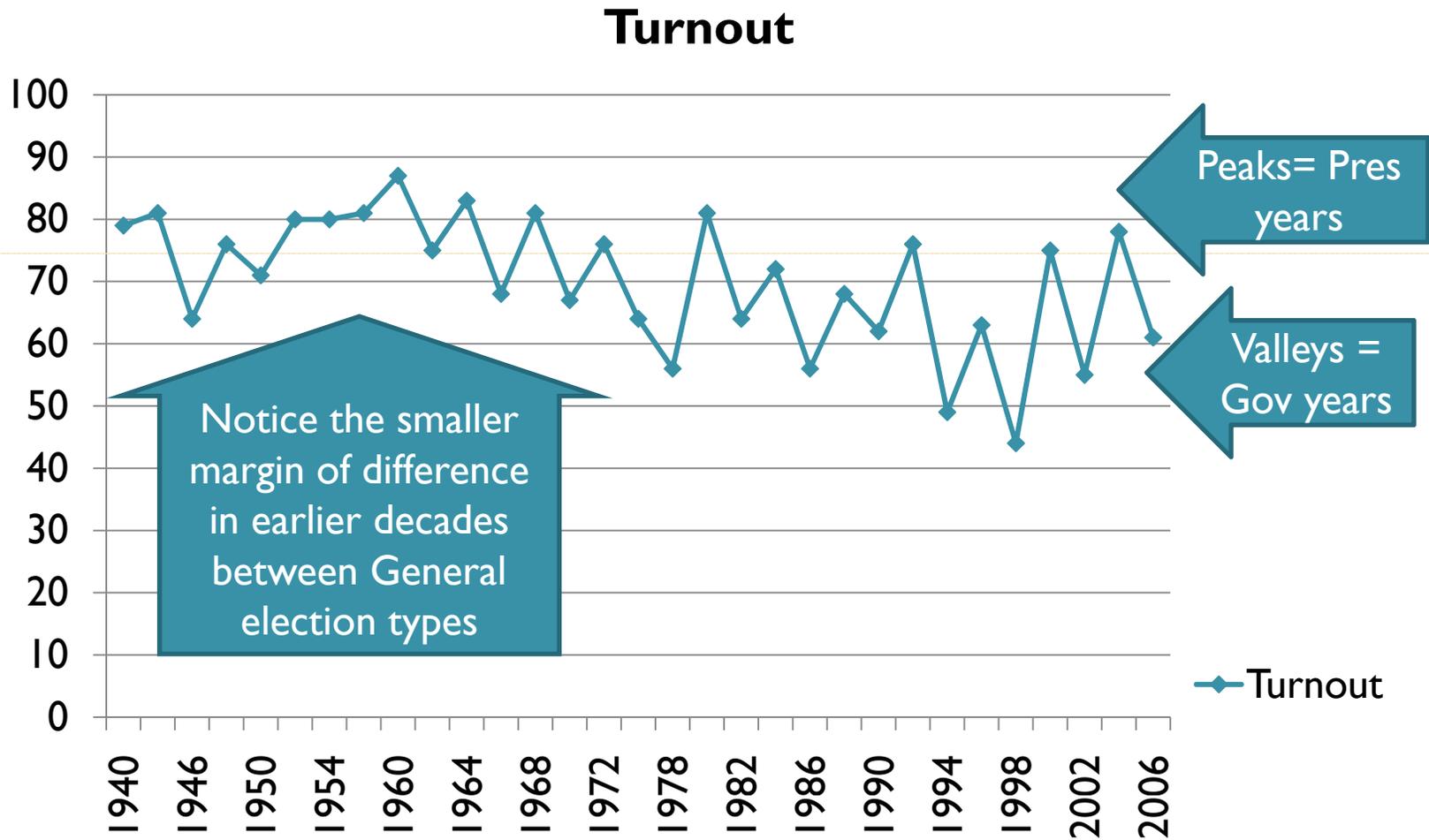
# Early Voting Trends

- With the implementation of the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) we have seen voter turnout increase in a dramatic fashion.
- For the PPE we had an **84%** turnout of voters on the PEVL –with an overall turnout of **54%**.
- Previous PPEs saw turnouts of **4-34%**.

# Early Voting Trends

YEAR	No. of Prent	REGISTRATION								BALLOTS CAST		EARLY VOTING					COMMENTS
		REP	DEM	LBT	RPA	GRN	NLP	OTH	TOTAL	TOTAL	% of Reg	Requests	Returns	% of Return	% of Cast	% of Reg	
1930	96	18814	30372					1306	50492			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1940	87	9703	65302					514	75519	59919	79.34%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1942	112	9072	60682					807	70561			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1944	113	10951	59865					2191	73007	58830	80.58%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1946	113	15155	66863					2546	84564	54392	64.32%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1948	114	21858	83639					1856	107353	81837	76.23%	n/a	3202	n/a	3.91%	2.98%	
1950	144	27038	102899					1754	131691	93919	71.32%	n/a	2574	n/a	2.74%	1.95%	
1952	147	44702	114922					2518	162142	130340	80.39%	n/a	5816	n/a	4.46%	3.59%	
1954	158	50826	101363					1968	154157	124164	80.54%	n/a	3616	n/a	2.91%	2.35%	
1956	154	63665	117846					2873	184384	149267	80.95%	n/a	6544	n/a	4.38%	3.55%	
1958	220	68133	126657					3153	197943	154791	78.20%	n/a	4661	n/a	3.01%	2.35%	
1960	231	91749	153844					4708	250301	217822	87.02%	n/a	9195	n/a	4.22%	3.67%	
1962	268	108372	162951					5200	276523	206398	74.64%	n/a	4722	n/a	2.29%	1.71%	
1964	285	129179	186014					7320	322513	267380	82.91%	n/a	12912	n/a	4.83%	4.00%	
1966	300	135585	178255					6461	320301	216718	67.66%	n/a	5587	n/a	2.58%	1.74%	
1968	327	163947	174088					9690	347725	279939	80.51%	n/a	13722	n/a	4.90%	3.95%	
1970	366	170724	167891					10621	349236	234246	67.07%	n/a	7268	n/a	3.10%	2.08%	
1972	419	235369	227461					19084	481914	365519	75.85%	n/a	15398	n/a	4.21%	3.20%	
1974	476	239467	229995					24380	493842	316407	64.07%	n/a	7484	n/a	2.37%	1.52%	
1976	502	260171	249062					35930	545163	430834	79.03%	n/a	18398	n/a	4.27%	3.37%	
1978	538	264481	242501					36300	543282	307537	56.61%	n/a	9349	n/a	3.04%	1.72%	
1980	581	312447	255120					50731	618298	500554	80.96%	n/a	23273	n/a	4.65%	3.76%	
1982	631	320080	254257	2167				47017	623521	399987	64.15%	n/a	13875	n/a	3.47%	2.23%	Motor Voter implemented
1984	676	410653	317942	3098				80552	812245	585948	72.14%	n/a	30340	n/a	5.18%	3.74%	
1986	1093	464212	329713					105480	899405	506106	56.27%	n/a	19882	n/a	3.93%	2.21%	
1988	1093	522765	374356	2750	63			116651	1016585	696398	68.50%	n/a	32024	n/a	4.60%	3.15%	
1990	1094	540694	370233	2551	166			113240	1026884	640847	62.41%	n/a	20968	n/a	3.27%	2.04%	
1992	892	586535	429413	3279	280			149704	1169211	890680	76.18%	87380	69817	79.90%	7.84%	5.97%	EV statutes amended
1994	939	663638	486564	5005				184320	1339527	655732	48.95%	101676	81706	80.36%	12.46%	6.10%	Other Reg Totals in LBT
1996	953	654497	469135	8489				178271	1310392	825217	62.97%	232001	186392	80.34%	22.59%	14.22%	
1998	1004	664518	480621	9205	395			193474	1348213	586090	43.47%	231405	195141	84.33%	33.30%	14.47%	EV statutes amended-2nd Friday cutoff
2000	1007	590725	411710	6154	1064	1239	62	215363	1226317	914952	74.61%	411195	368051	89.51%	40.23%	30.01%	Internet e-request/Prop Pamphlet Mailed
2002	1030	598881	415785	8631				291329	1314626	723867	55.06%	403001	351620	87.25%	48.58%	26.75%	Redistricting Issues & 22,689 E-request
2004	1058	676088	480058	11449				384834	1552429	1211963	78.07%	571055	507859	88.93%	41.90%	32.71%	MILOS form introduced 1,923 MILOS Emails
2006	1142	639267	440458	9927				394782	1484434	899484	60.59%	478957	441668	92.21%	49.10%	29.75%	ID @ polls used/2 ballot General/TouchScreen

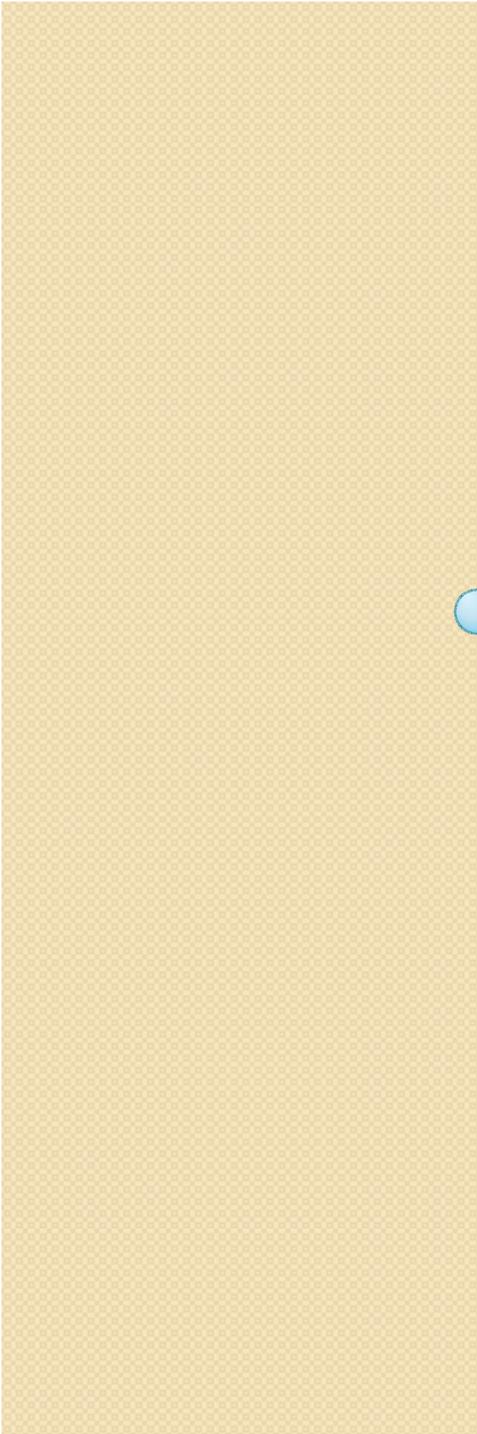
# Voting Trends in General Elections



# Early Voting Trends

No	EARLY VOTING					COMMENTS	
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We continue to see a high number of Evs returned and expect this trend to continue with the ease of the permanent list.



# **EARLY VOTING BY MAIL**

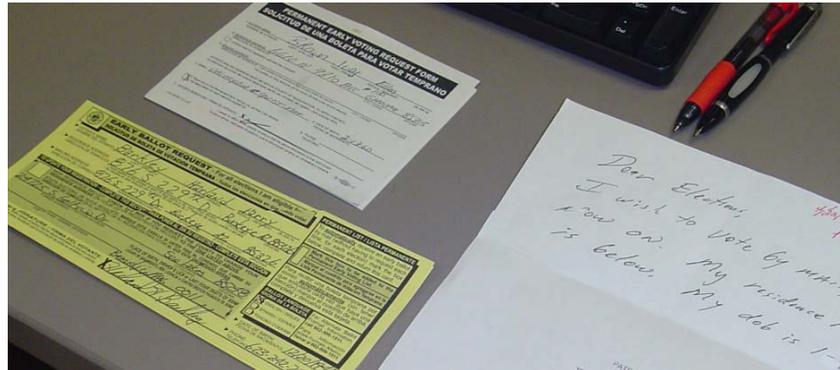
# Early Voting by Mail

- How to request a ballot
- Request processing
- Ballot mail-out process
- Replacement ballots
- Early Voting Questions
- Ballot reception processes



# Early Voting Requests

- Voters can request to receive an early ballot starting 93 days before an election.
- Voters can request to receive an early ballot in a variety of ways:
  - Online ([www.recorder.maricopa.gov](http://www.recorder.maricopa.gov))
  - Via an early voting request card
  - Calling the voter information line (602-506-1511)
  - In writing



# Early Voting Requests

- Online:



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Select the Elections & Voter Information Link

# Early Voting Requests

The screenshot shows the Maricopa County Elections Department website. At the top left is the Maricopa County logo and a photo of Helen Purcell, Maricopa County Recorder. The date is Monday, April 21, 2008. A navigation menu on the left includes Recorder, Elections, Media Events, Support, Hours & Locations, and Miscellaneous. A central text block welcomes visitors and provides contact information for Helen Purcell and Karen Osborne. A list of links includes February 5, 2008 Presidential Preference Election, Election Board Worker training video, Election Data, Judicial Performance Review, Kids Voting USA, National Student/Parent Mock Election, and Where Do I Go to Vote?. On the right, there is a dropdown menu for Spanish information and a vertical stack of buttons: Am I registered to vote?, Am I on the Permanent Early Voting List?, Permanent Early Voting List & Signup Form, Polling Place Locator, Request an Early Ballot, and Status of Provisional Ballot. A large blue arrow points to the 'Request an EV' button, and another blue arrow points to the 'Información de Elección en Español' dropdown. A cactus character with a ballot is at the bottom right with the text 'Click Here For More Information'.

**MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

Monday, April 21, 2008

**Información de Elección en Español.....**  
Seleccione una pagina para ver en español

**Request an EV**

**Spanish**

**Click Here For More Information**



# Early Voting Requests



## Early Voting Ballot Request

Información de Elección en Español....

Seleccione una pagina para ver en español

To request an early ballot for upcoming elections, please complete the form below. A ballot will be mailed to you upon verification of registration. If the following information does not match our registration rolls a ballot will not be sent without an updated registration form being submitted because an original signature is required to modify your record. For information on how to obtain a registration form please see [Common Questions](#). **If you desire a ballot to be mailed to an address that is not on your voter registration record**, you must submit a written request that contains your: Name, Residence Address, Temporary Mail-to Address, Date of Birth, Party Affiliation (*if request is for a partisan Primary Election*), Election(s) requesting for and your Signature. Written requests can be sent by fax (602-506-8049) or by mail to: **Maricopa County Elections Department, 510 S. 3rd Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85003**. Internet, phone and written request can only be accepted up until the second Friday prior to any election. Should you wish to vote after this time frame or if an election is not listed below, you may be able to vote at one of our offices in person up until the Friday before the election. For additional information please call 602-506-1511, T.D.D. 602-506-2348. For technical questions contact the [Webmaster](#). Click here [For tips on filling out the Early Voting Ballot form](#).

**Resident Address Information Only** - If you have a mailing address on file with us, your ballot will automatically be mailed to that address. If you wish your ballot to go to a mailing address that IS NOT on file, then you can not use this form. Instead, a written request is required that includes all of the information as listed in the above paragraph and this request can be sent by fax or mail.

**DO NOT SUBMIT OLD ADDRESS INFORMATION**  
To see if you are registered at a former address, [CLICK HERE](#) to use the "Voter Registration Status" page

\*Indicates a required field

\*\*You must enter ONE of these fields

**Step 1 - To begin your request, you must fill in ALL\* of the following fields**

Last Name\*

Date of birth\*

January - 01 - (4 digit year e.g. 1945 not 45)

House Number\*

(e.g. You live at 4569 E. Anywhere St. Apt# 218, ENTER ONLY 4569)

**and ONE\*\* of the following fields**

Voter Id\*\*

Driver's License Number\*\* or Non-Operating Id License Number (no dashes or spaces)

[Go to Step 2](#)

Spanish

Fill in your information

# Early Voting Requests



## Step 2 - Make your Election selection(s) and Submit

Select an Election date: \*

5/20/2008

Select an Election: \*

CITY OF MESA

Submit

Reset

  Subscribe to this information

Fill in the election you are requesting and submit

## Step 2 - Make your Election selection(s) and Submit

Select an Election date: \*

5/20/2008

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\*\*\*You are already scheduled to receive an early ballot.\*\*\*

This voter is already scheduled to get a ballot

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# Early Voting Requests

## Alternative Formats:

-  [Alternative Formats Brochure](#)
-  [Deaf Services Brochure](#)
-  [Special Needs Information Request Form](#)
-  [Special Needs Early Ballot Request Form for Braille and Large Print Ballots](#)

Alt  
Format  
Ballot



## Step 2 - Make your Election selection(s) and Submit

Select an Election date: \*

5/20/2008

Select an Election: \*

CITY OF MESA

Please select which format would best suit your needs: \*

Braille  Large Print

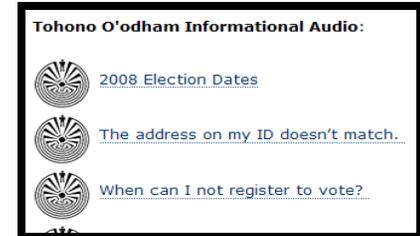
  [Subscribe to this information](#)

The steps are the same

With the addition of requesting an alternative format

# Early Voting Requests

- Audio files are also available in all three languages online:



- And Sign Videos:



- As well as a brochure created with Inter Tribal Council on early voting considerations specific to the Native American voter:



# Early Voting Requests

- Some voters just want an early ballot for one election.
- Voters can still request early ballots on an election by election basis.



 <b>EARLY BALLOT REQUEST - For all elections I am eligible for.</b> <b>SOLICITUD DE BOLETA DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA - Todas las elecciones en que puedo votar.</b>		<b>PERMANENT LIST / LISTA PERMANENTE</b>	
<b>▶ VOTER'S NAME:</b> NOMBRE DEL VOTANTE/ _____ <small>LAST / APELLIDO                      FIRST / PRIMER                      MIDDLE / SEGUNDO                      JR./SR./III</small>		To <u>automatically</u> receive an early ballot by mail (without having to request each time, for each election) mark the box below, complete and return this card.	
<b>▶ RESIDENCE ADDRESS:</b> DIRECCIÓN DE DOMICILIO/ _____ <small>* I have resided at this address at least 29 days before a city, town, school election.                      CITY/CIUDAD                      ZIP/ZONA            * He residido en esta dirección por lo menos 29 días antes de una elección de ciudad, pueblo o escuela.</small>		<input type="checkbox"/> Mark this box to be added to the Permanent Early Voting List. Marque el cuadrito para agregarse en la Lista Permanente de Votación Temprana.	
<b>▶ MAILING ADDRESS:</b> DIRECCIÓN DE CORREO/ _____ <small>ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN                      CITY/CIUDAD                      STATE / ESTADO                      ZIP/ZONA</small>		Para recibir una boleta temprana por correo <u>automáticamente</u> (sin tener que solicitarla cada vez que haya una elección) marque el cuadrito de arriba, complete y devuelva esta tarjeta.	
<b>TO UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION - COMPLETE THIS SECTION / PARA PONER AL DÍA SU REGISTRO - COMPLETE ESTA SECCION</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW RESIDENCE BALLOT: CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU REQUEST THE COUNTY TO CHANGE YOUR RESIDENCE ADDRESS ON YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD TO THE ONE LISTED ABOVE.</b> BOLETA ELECTORAL DE NUEVA RESIDENCIA: MARQUE ESTA CASILLA SI USTED PIDE AL CONDADO QUE CAMBIE SU DIRECCIÓN DE DOMICILIO EN EL REGISTRO DE SU INSCRIPCIÓN PARA VOTAR AL QUE ESTA' ENUMERADO ARRIBA.		<b>BALLOT LANGUAGE IDIOMA DE LA BOLETA</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH / INGLÉS <input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH / ESPAÑOL <input type="checkbox"/> TOHONO O'ODHAM	
FORMER ADDRESS / DIRECCION ANTERIOR _____ <small>CITY/CIUDAD                      ZIP/ZONA</small>		For Alternate Ballot Format Information, call 602-506-1511. Para información sobre Formato Alterno, llamar al 602-506-1511.	
FORMER NAME / NOMBRE ANTERIOR _____		<b>▶ DATE OF BIRTH:</b> FECHA DE NACIMIENTO/ _____	
<b>▶ VOTER'S SIGNATURE / FIRMA DEL VOTANTE:</b> <small>I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct.            Juro o afirmo bajo pena de perjurio que la información de arriba es verdadera y correcta.</small>		<b>▶ PHONE:</b> TELEFONO/ _____	

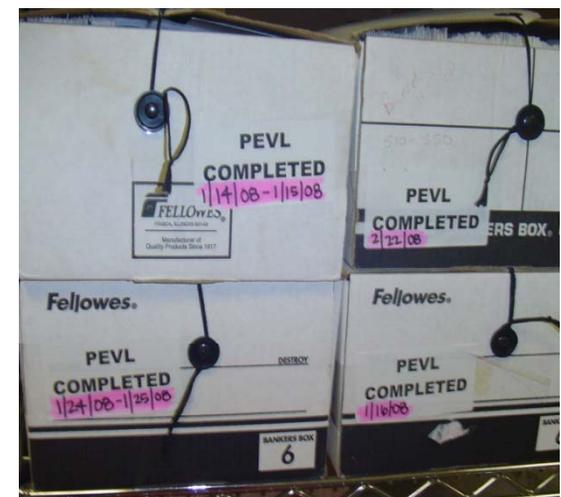
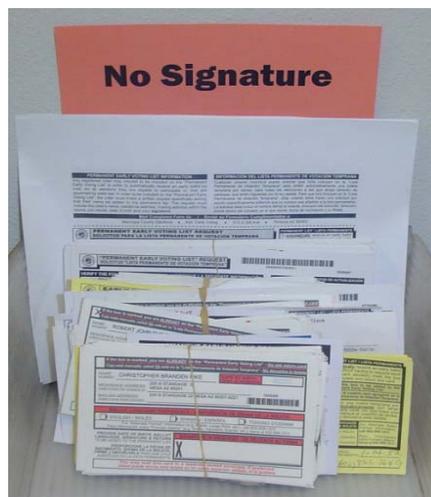
# Early Voting Request

- 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 know you may not feel well enough to go to the polls on Election Day.



# Early Voting Requests

- Voters can request to be on a Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) to automatically receive a ballot for each election that they are eligible for.
- Requests must contain the voter's signature (which is verified against their registration).
- Once verified, the voter is put on the list and the form they sent in is scanned for future reference.
- Then the original forms are archived.



# Early Voting Request

- 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).
  - Be sure you select the box for the permanent list.



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▶ VOTER'S NAME: NOMBRE DEL VOTANTE/ _____ LAST / APELLIDO	
▶ RESIDENCE ADDRESS: DIRECCIÓN DE DOMICILIO/ _____ <small>* I have resided at this address at least _____ days. * He residido en esta dirección por lo menos _____ días.</small>	
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FORMER ADDRESS / DIRECCION ANTERIOR _____	
CITY/CIUDAD _____	
STATE / ESTADO _____	
ZIP/ZONA _____	
PLACE OF BIRTH, DRIVER'S LIC# or LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN# LUGAR DE NACIMIENTO, #DE LICENCIA o CUATRO DIGITOS PASADOS DE SSN# _____	
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▶ VOTER'S SIGNATURE / FIRMA DEL VOTANTE: _____ <small>I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct. Juro o afirmo bajo pena de perjurio que la información de arriba es verdadera y correcta.</small>	

**PERMANENT LIST / LISTA PERMANENTE**

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.

Mark this box to be added to the Permanent Early Voting List.  
Marque el cuadrado para agregarse en la Lista Permanente de Votación Temprana.

Para recibir una boleta temprana por correo **automáticamente** (sin tener que solicitarla cada vez que haya una elección) marque el cuadrado de arriba, complete y devuelva esta tarjeta.

**BALLOT LANGUAGE / IDIOMA DE LA BOLETA**

ENGLISH / INGLÉS  
 SPANISH / ESPAÑOL  
 TOHONO O'ODHAM

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▶ DATE OF BIRTH:  
FECHA DE NACIMIENTO/ \_\_\_\_\_

▶ PHONE:  
TELÉFONO/ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check this box here** →

# Early Voting Request

- Permanent Voting by Mail Lists
  - 120 days out from each election you are eligible for 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

TO RETURN CARD, TEAR OR FOLD HERE / PARA REGRESAR LA TARJETA, CORTE O DOBLE AQUÍ

**"PERMANENT EARLY VOTING LIST" UPDATE**  
**ACTUALIZACIÓN DE "LISTA PERMANENTE DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA"**

1234567

**IF YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT, DO NOT RETURN THIS CARD AND YOUR BALLOT(S) WILL AUTOMATICALLY MAIL.** **SI SU INFORMACIÓN ESTA CORRECTA, NO DEVUELVA ESTA TARJETA Y SU(S) BOLETA(S) SE LE ENVIARÁN AUTOMÁTICAMENTE POR CORREO.**

Use the sections below to modify residence or mailing address, select a party ballot (Primary Elections only), request to be removed from the list, or request to not have ballot(s) sent for the elections shown on the front cover. This card must be received no later than 45 days prior to the Election date(s) listed.

Use las secciones de abajo para modificar la dirección del domicilio o la postal, seleccionar la boleta de un partido (sólo para Elecciones Primarias), solicitar que lo/la eliminen de la lista, o solicitar que no le envíen boleta(s) para las elecciones que se indican en la cubierta. Esta tarjeta se debe recibir a más tardar 45 días antes de la(s) fecha(s) de Elección en la lista.

**REMOVAL REQUEST / SOLICITUD DE ELIMINACIÓN**

Mark this box to request removal from list  
Marque este cuadrado para solicitar que eliminen de la lista

A removal request must include your name, residence address, date of birth and signature. In addition to marking this box, please complete the section to the right, sign and return.  
Una solicitud de eliminación debe incluir su nombre, dirección de domicilio, fecha de nacimiento y firma. Además de marcar este cuadrado, por favor complete la sección a la derecha, firme y devuélvala.

**REGISTRATION UPDATE SECTION / SECCIÓN DE ACTUALIZACIÓN DE INSCRIPCIÓN**

NAME / NOMBRE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH / FECHA DE NACIMIENTO: \_\_\_\_\_ Required / Requerido

RESIDENCE ADDRESS / DIRECCIÓN DE DOMICILIO: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS / DIRECCIÓN PARA ENVIAR: \_\_\_\_\_

- Mailing address must be within the county of residence -  
- La dirección postal debe ser dentro del condado de residencia -

**DO NOT MAIL BALLOT / NO ENVIE LA BOLETA POR CORREO**

Mark this box to CANCEL BALLOT MAILING  
Marque este cuadrado para CANCELAR EL ENVÍO DE LA BOLETA

By marking this box, the ballot(s) will not be mailed for the election(s) listed on the front cover. You will remain on the Permanent Early Voting List for future elections.  
Al marcar este cuadrado, la(s) boleta(s) no se enviarán por correo para la(s) elección(es) en la lista en la cubierta. Usted permanecerá en la Lista Permanente de votación temprana para futuras elecciones.

**BALLOT LANGUAGE / IDIOMA DE LA BOLETA**

ENGLISH / INGLÉS For Alternate Ballot Format Information (Braille, etc.), call 602-506-1511  
 SPANISH / ESPAÑOL Para Información sobre Formato Alternativo (Braille, etc.), llamar al 602-506-1511  
 TCHONO O'ODHAM

**SIGN HERE / FIRME AQUÍ**

**YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED / SE REQUIERE SU FIRMA**

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct.  
Juro o afirmo bajo pena de perjurio que la información de arriba es verdadera y correcta.

# Early Voting Options

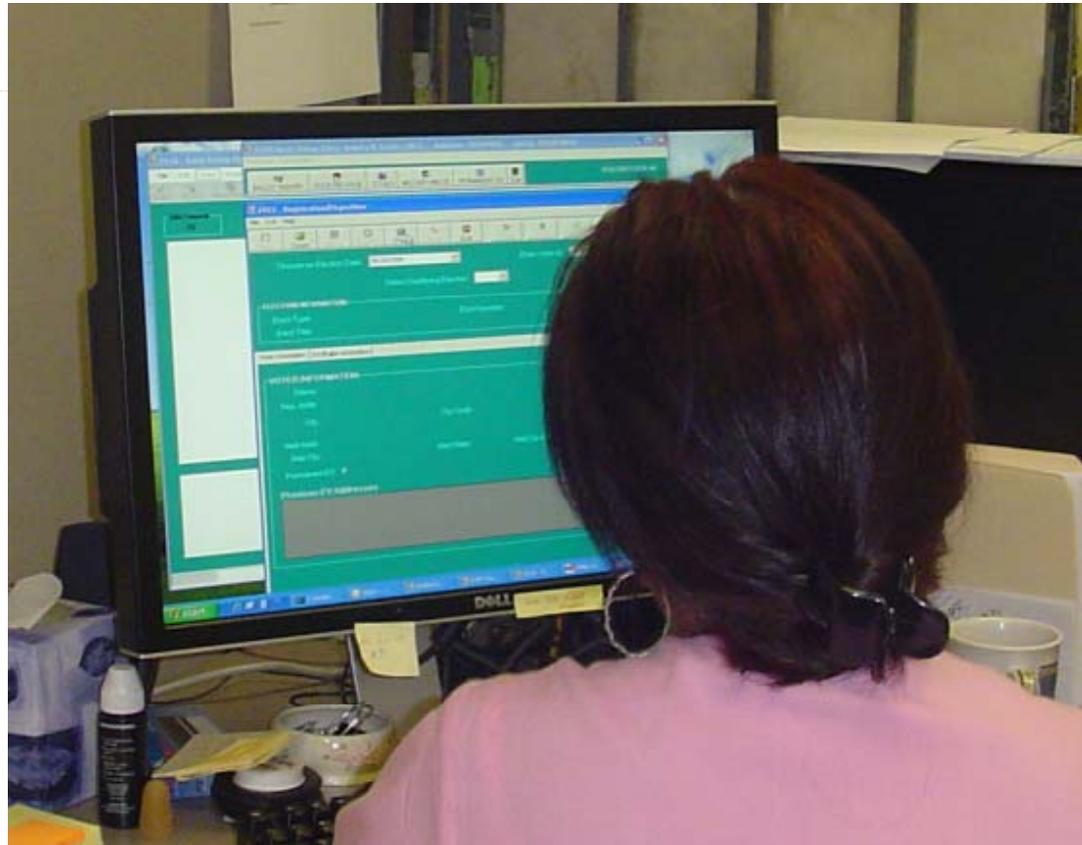
- Voting by Mail per election
  - You can request an early ballot for any election that you wish to vote by mail and not go to the polls.



	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Oct 19 - 25						Last day to req EV		
				Last Day for Mail				
Oct 26 - Nov 1	26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1	
						EV Ends		
Nov 2 - 8	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
			Election Day	Election Day				

# Early Voting Requests

- We first determine if the voter is eligible for the election:



# Early Voting Requests

- If the voter is eligible we flag them to receive a ballot .
- We track the type of ballot the voter will receive. For example:
  - MOB: Mail Out Ballot
  - OSC: Overseas Citizen
  - OSM: Overseas Military
  - SPM: Special Mail-out (Braille, Large Print)
- We also track the source of the request:
  - City Clerk card      Online      PEVL Card
  - Political Party card      Letter      Star Center

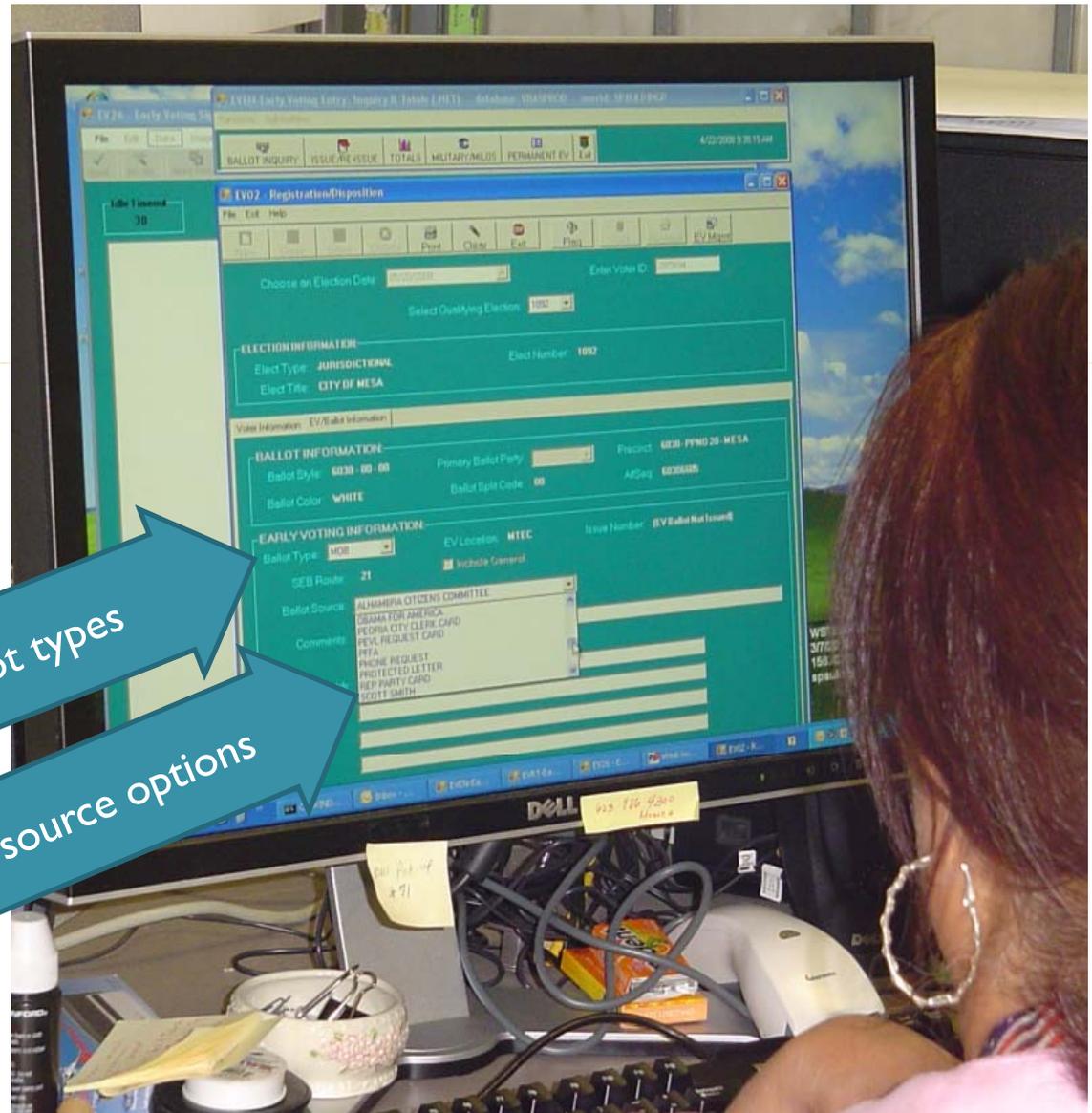


# Early Voting Requests



Drop-down menu of ballot types

Drop-down menu of source options



# Early Voting Requests

- If the request is in writing and there is a signature it is compared to the signatures we have on file for that voter.
- More on this later...



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Hancock", written on aged, yellowish paper.

# Early Voting Send-out Process



- For each election the list of eligible voters who have requested an early ballot is compiled along with their mailing address and ballot style.
- The file is sent via a secure connection to our print vendor to produce the ballots and mail out the early voting packet to the voter.
- We have staff onsite at the vendor's facility and provide the same security that we have at our offices.
- We are able to document when we received the voters request, when the file went to the printer, and the date that the ballot was mailed.

# Early Voting Send-out Process

- The only information which is provided to the vendor is what is necessary to mail that voter their ballot:
  - Name
  - Mailing Address
  - Voter ID number
  - Affidavit number (used for internal tracking of the request)
  - Ballot style





**EV01 - Ballot Inquiry**

File Exit Help

New Open Save Delete Print Clear Exit

Choose an Election Date: 02/05/2008 Enter Voter ID:

Switch Ballot Issue Number: 1

**ELECTION INFORMATION:**

Elect Type: CLOSED PRIMARY Elect Number: 1077  
Elect Title: PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION

Voter Information | Ballot Information

**EARLY VOTING/BALLOT LAYOUT INFORMATION:**

Planet Code: 400013378482 EV Loc: MTEC Ballot Type: MOB  
Ballot Party: DEMOCRATIC Ballot Color: WHITE Split Code: 00  
Bal Source: conVrasEV15B2B  
Comments: INSERTED BY JS 0

Prim Bal Type: Prim Bal Addr:

**Ballot History**

BALLOT EVENT	EVENT DATE	EMP/SYS ID
BALLOT MAILED	1/13/2008	JSO
PACKET PRINT DATE	1/10/2008	conVrasEV15B2B
BALLOT SENT TO PRINTER	1/4/2008	conVRASEVReqCtr01
BALLOT REQUEST ENTERED	12/30/2007	conVrasEV15B2B

**PRECINCT/DISTRICT INFORMATION:**

Precinct: 7421 - BALDZ-BRILL-GARDENS-GATEWAY-SK City Limits: P8 Seb Route: 14  
School Dist: CREIGHTON ELEM #14 H.S. Dist: PHOENIX UNION Sec. Dis

Press <Clear>/<Enter> to Enter Another VoterID OR <End> to Exit

We can track when the request was made, sent to printer, printed, and mailed

# Ballots are printed en masse or on demand depending on the election:

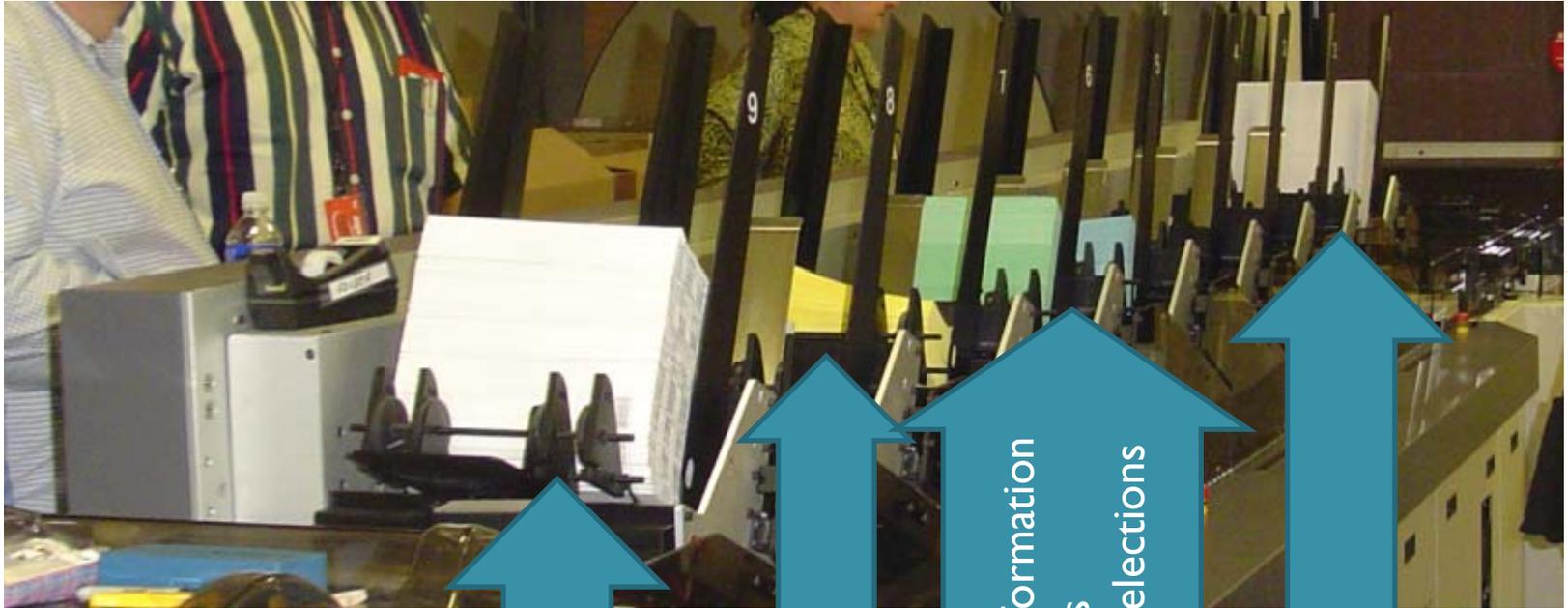


For elections where we print more than 1.5 million ballots we print by the traditional method, for small elections the on-demand system suffices as it prints 500+ an hour, each machine.

Ballots are folded in preparation for mail-out:



The insertion machine is used to put ballots, voting instructions, and return envelopes into the early voting packet:



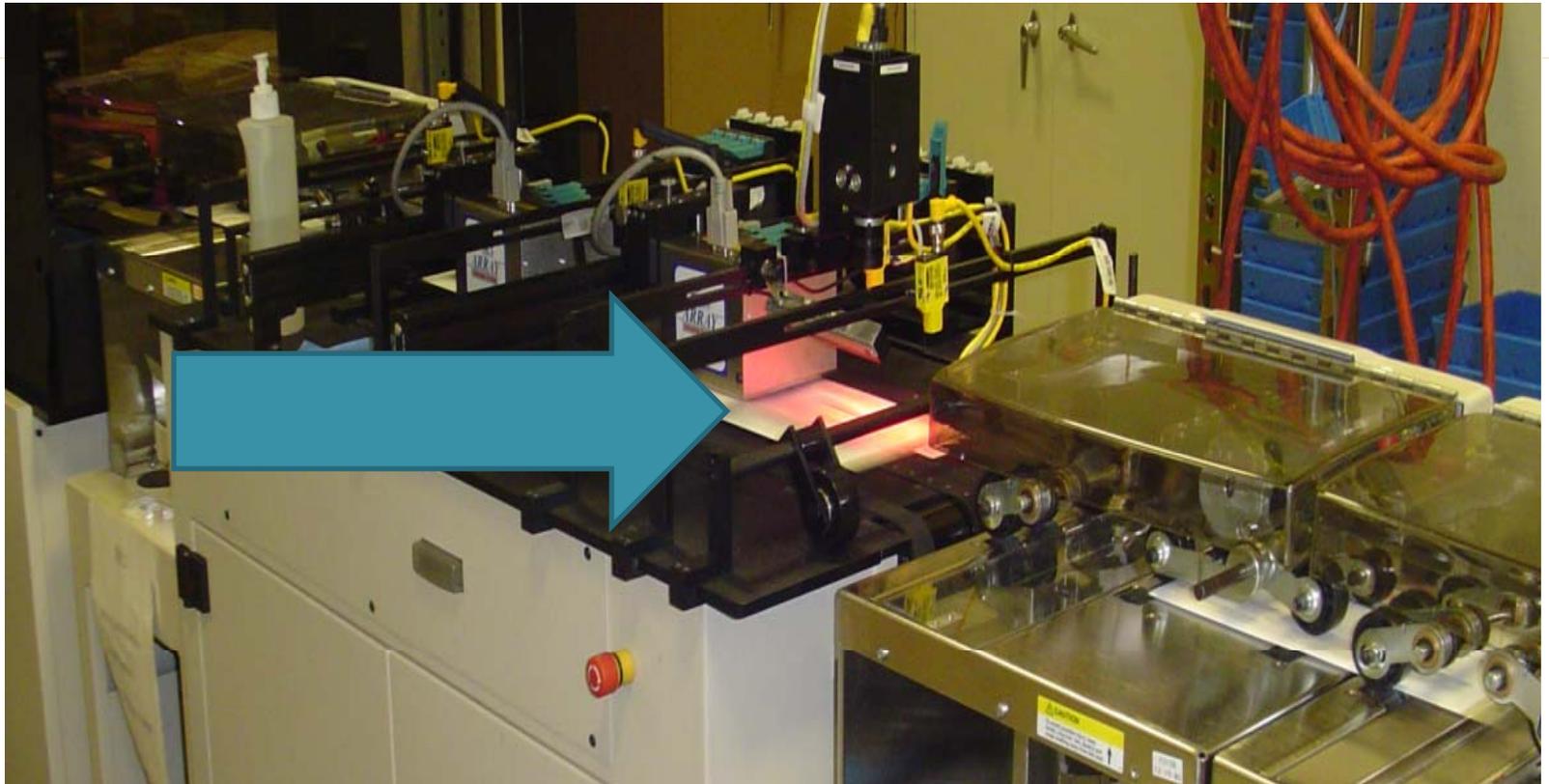
Ballots

Voting Instructions

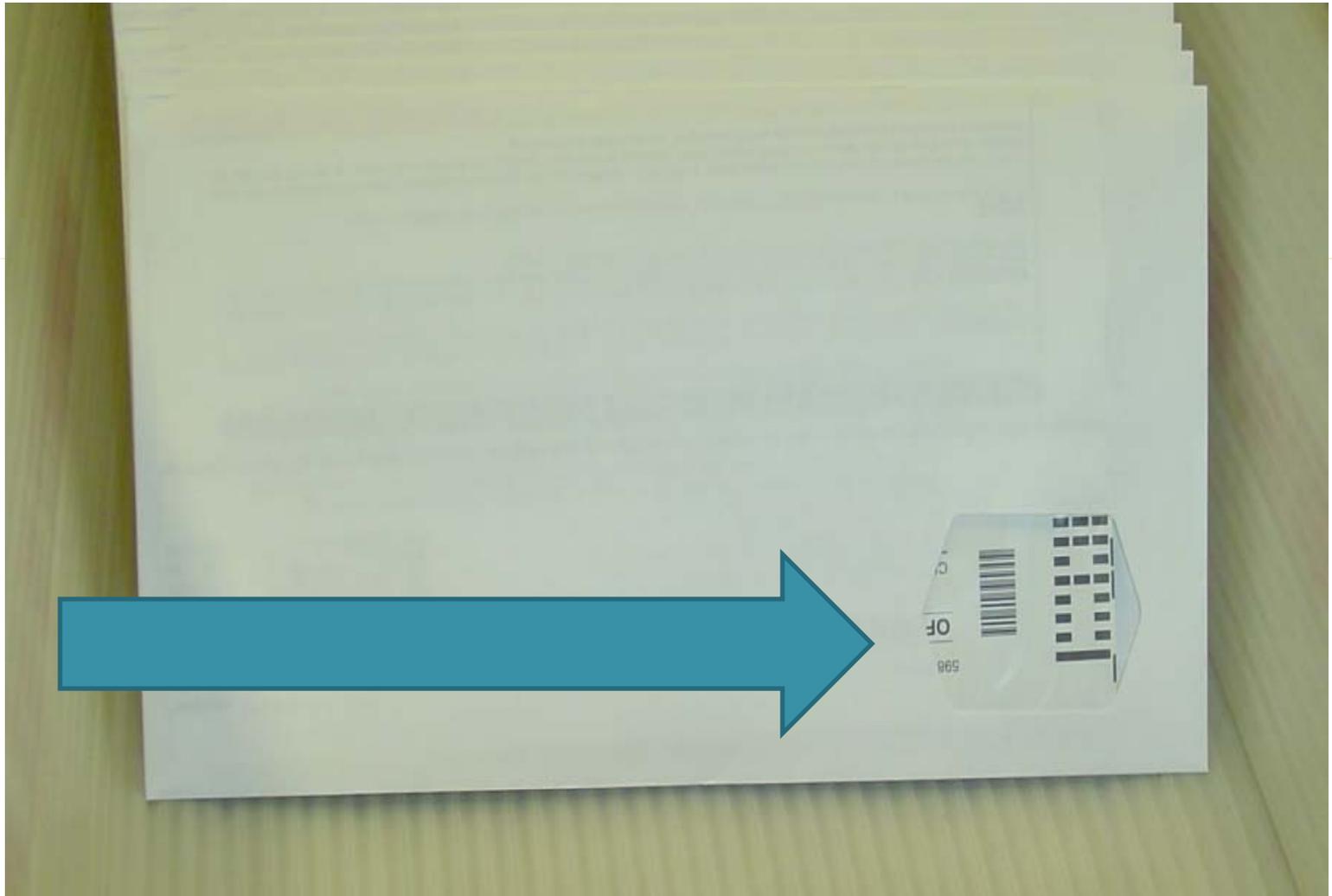
All Mail election information  
for 2 different cities  
conducting all mail elections

Return envelopes

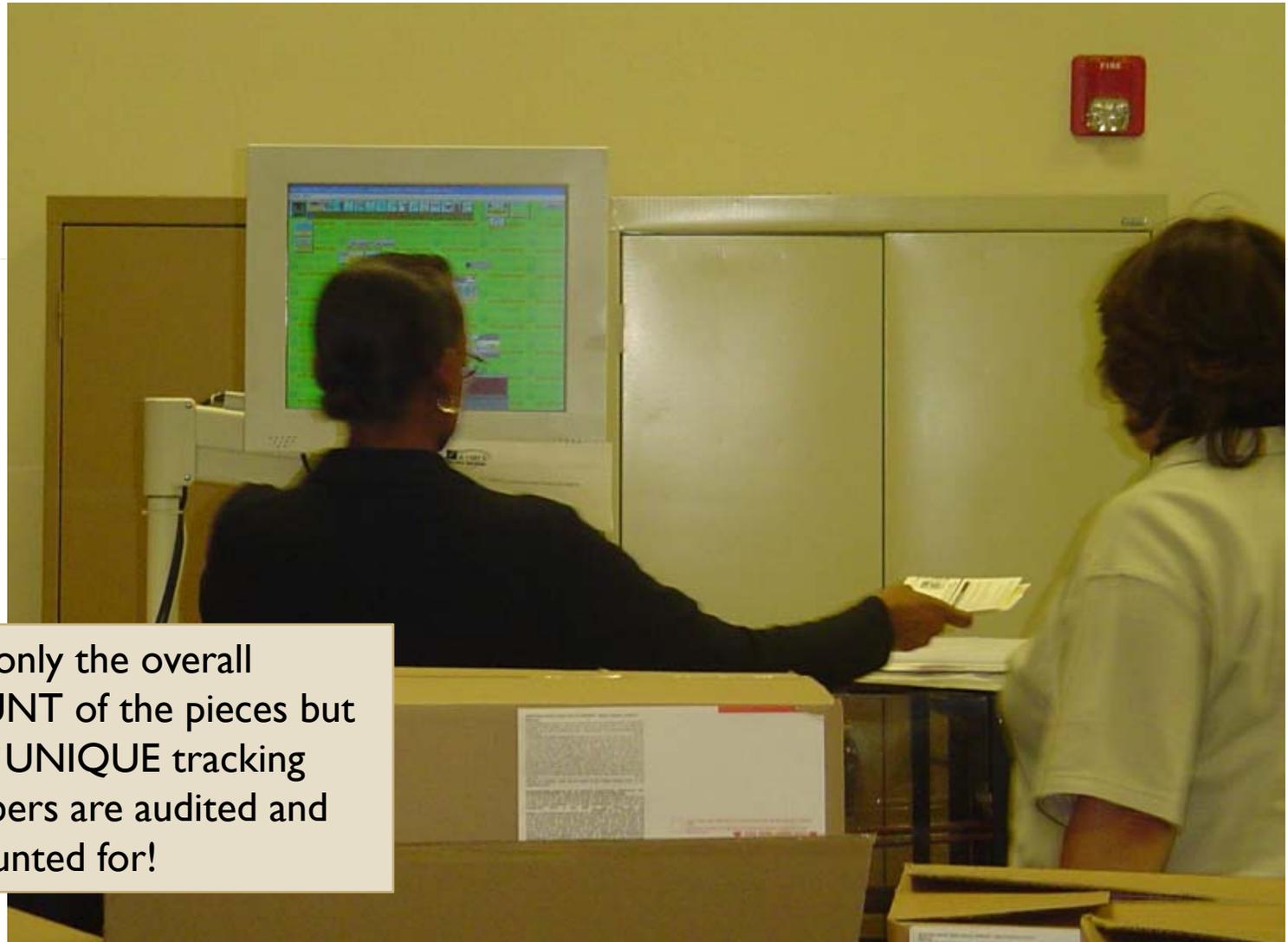
As the completed envelope passes through the machine it verifies that the voter's ID barcode matches the ballot style that voter should receive:



This is the envelope window  
exposing the ballot style barcode:

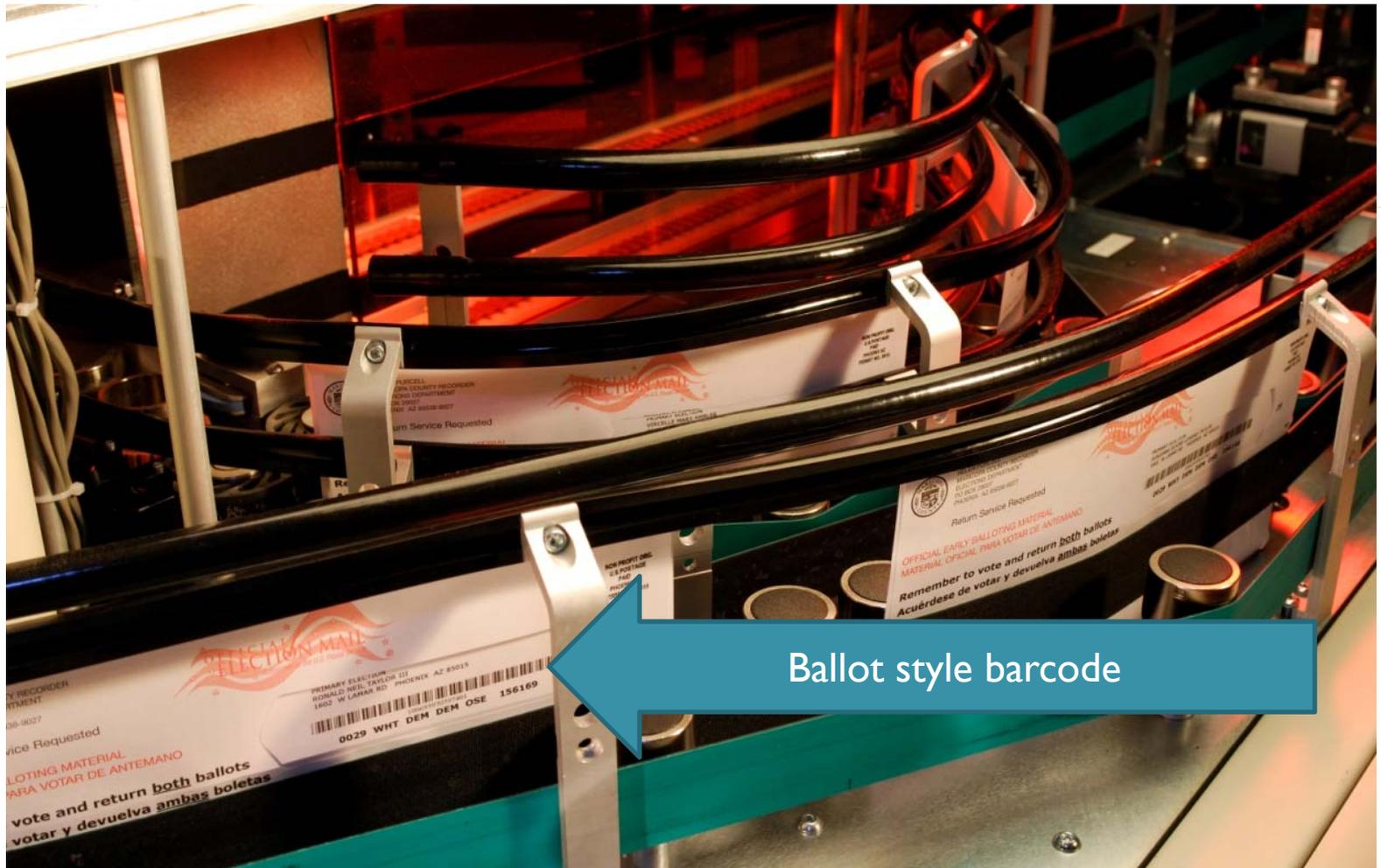


# Every stage is monitored and audited:



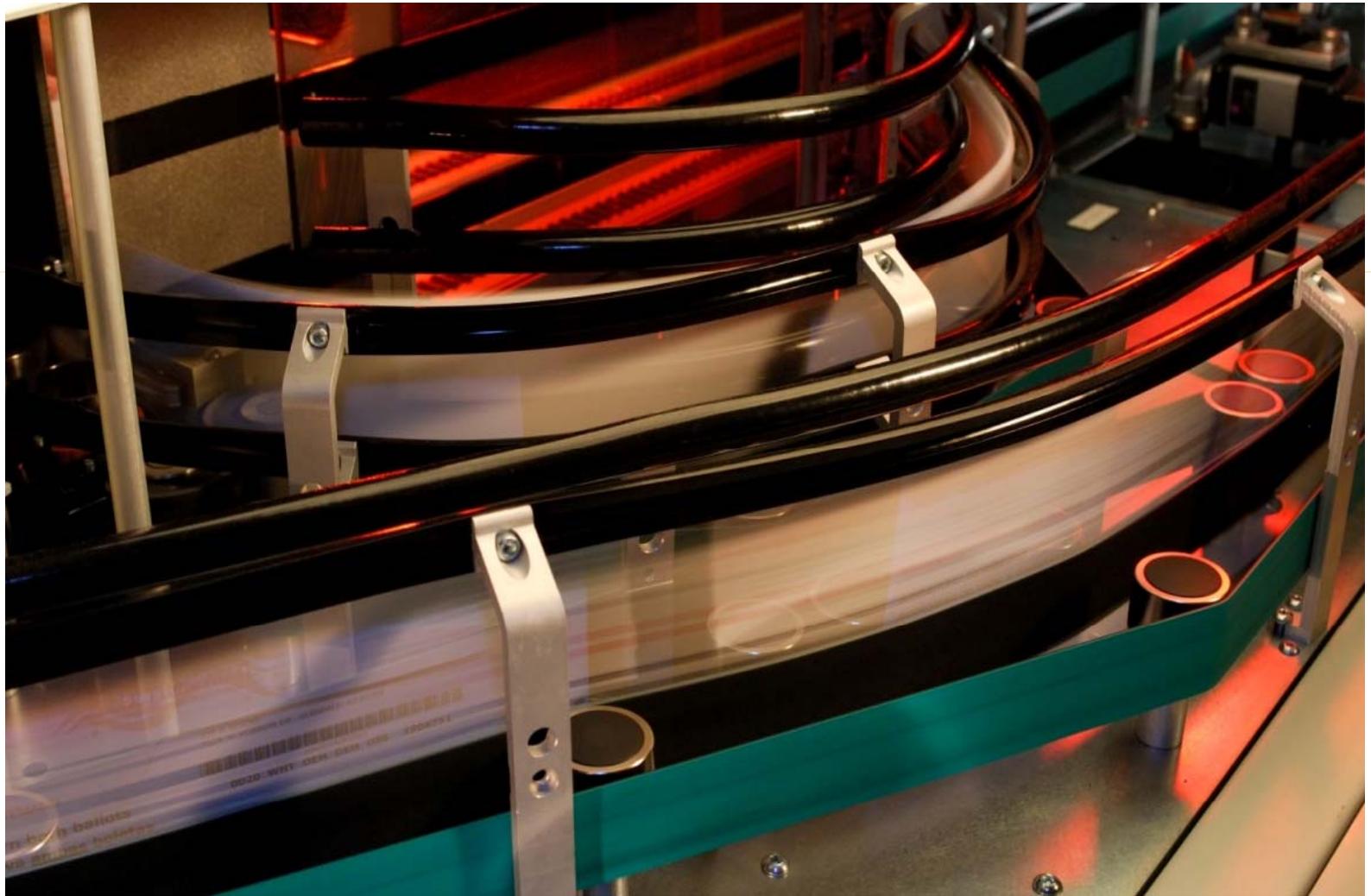
Not only the overall **COUNT** of the pieces but their **UNIQUE** tracking numbers are audited and accounted for!

Outbound envelopes are sorted twice:  
1) scans barcode to update data file  
2) postal / zip code sort



Ballot style barcode

With startling speed and efficiency:



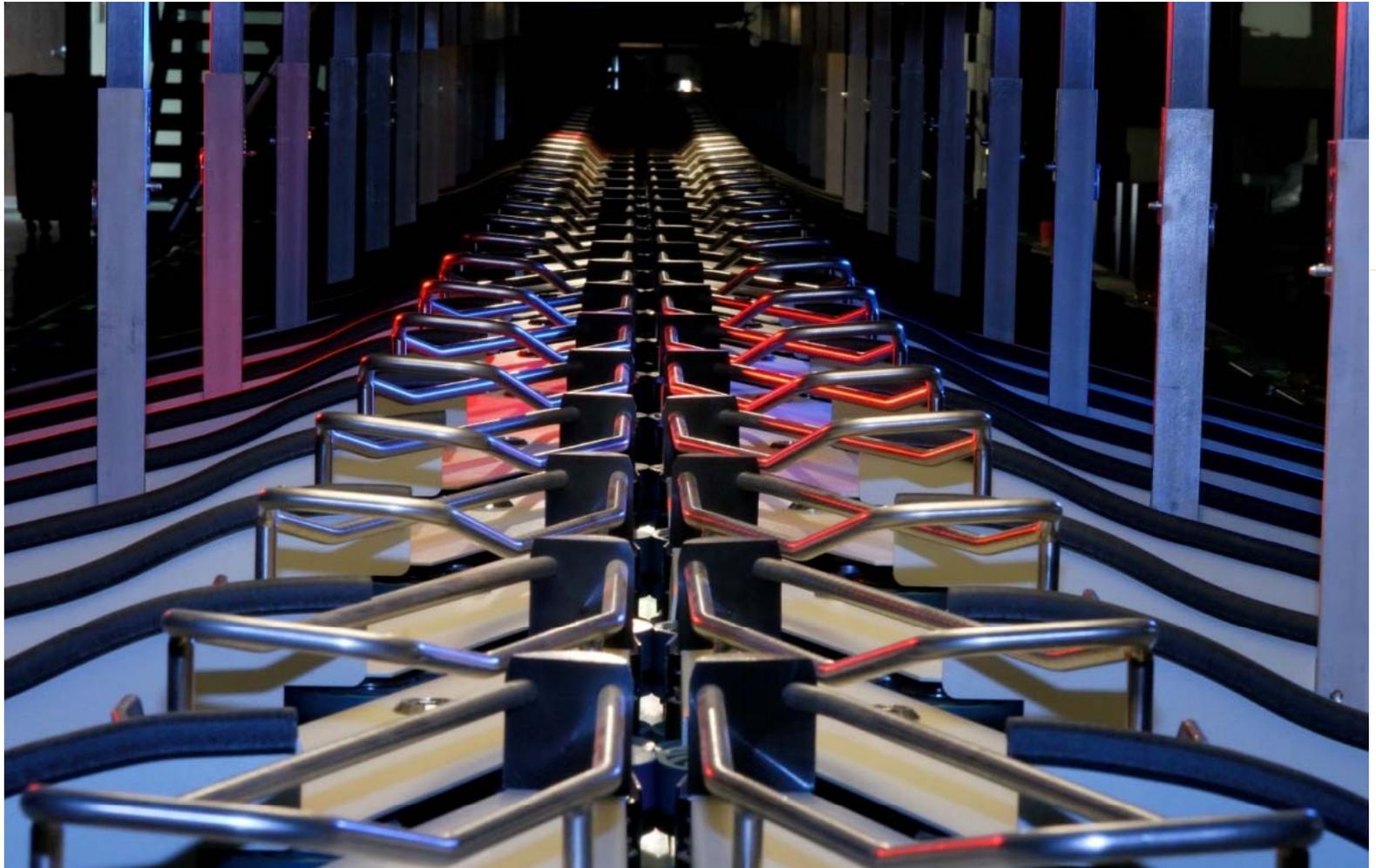


- With all of the built in checks and audits it is virtually impossible for a voter to receive the wrong ballot.





# Inside the sorting/scanning machine:



# Outbound envelopes are sorted by zipcode:



# Security?

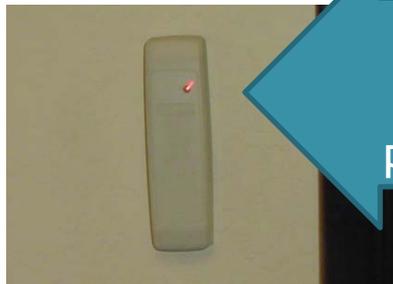
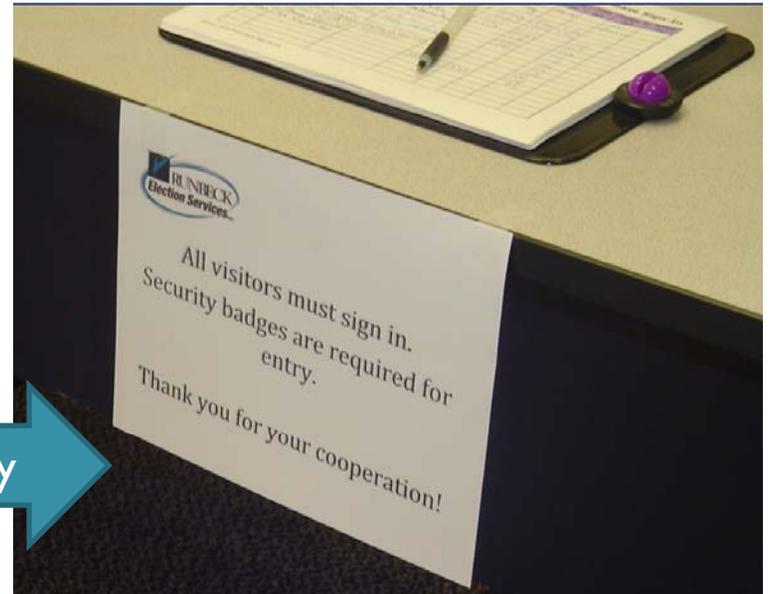
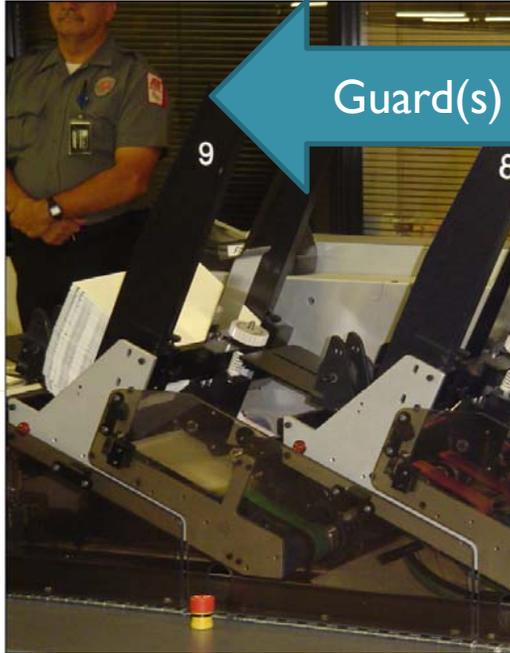
Cameras throughout facility & grounds 24X7

Guard(s)

**RUNBECK**  
*Election Services*

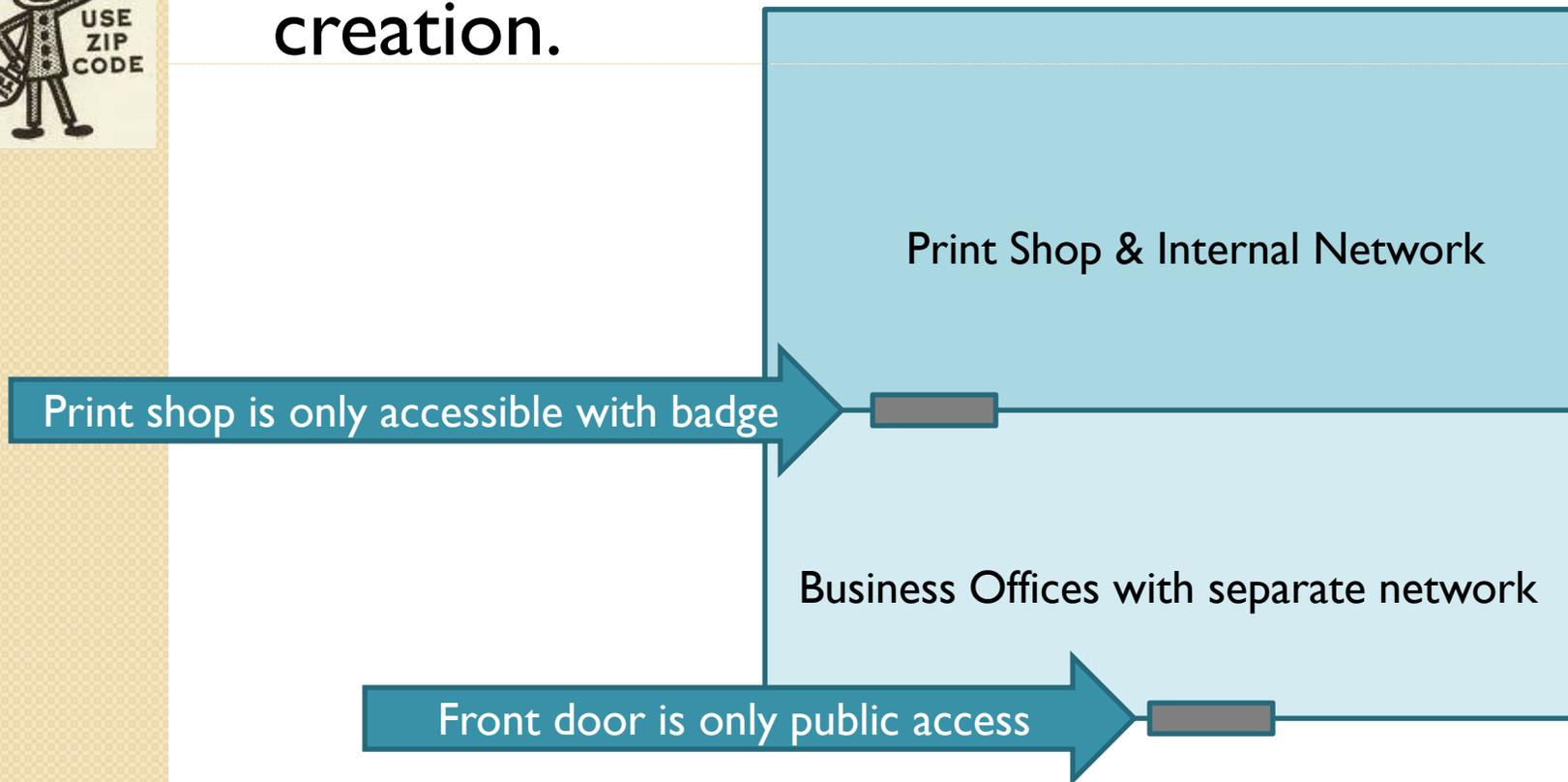
Key card access to print shop

Badge necessary



# Security?

- They have 2 separate networks: one for the front business office area and a second one for the data interface with MCED & ballot creation.



# Security?

- Their security includes monitoring of all cameras on site by their personnel 24 X 7.
- Including their parking lot & external building activities on their private property...



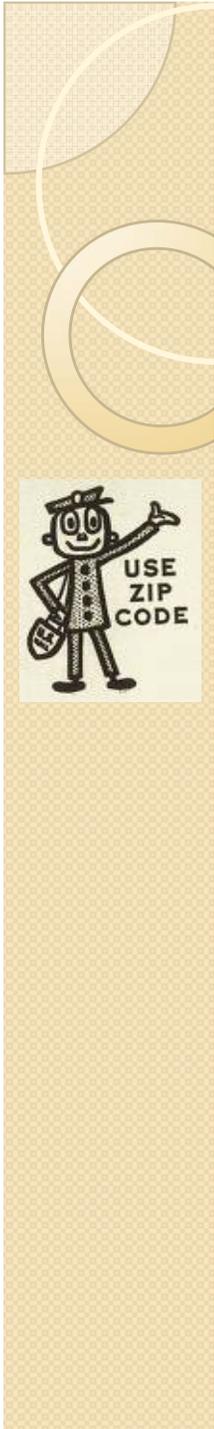
- During our election cycle we also supply additional County Deputies to augment existing security measures.



# Early Voting Send-out Process

- The outbound packets are also assigned a unique planet code which allows us to track them through the postal system.
- As long as USPS scans the envelope we can determine its position at each stage of the mailing process. (Not all post offices have this capability in our more rural communities.)
- There is a USPS representative present at the vendor's to directly pickup outbound early voting materials.





Voter Information | Ballot Information

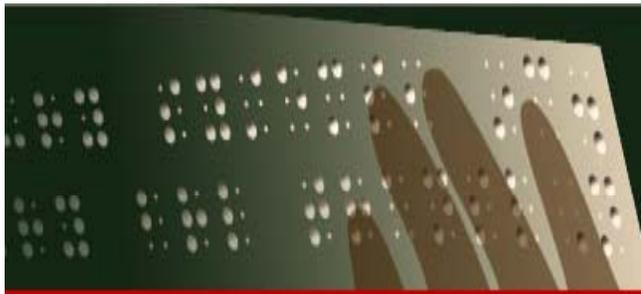
**EARLY VOTING/BALLOT LAYOUT INFORMATION:**

Planet Code: <b>400013378482</b>	EV Loc: <b>MTEC</b>	Ballot Type: <b>MOB</b>
Ballot Party: <b>DEM</b>	Ballot Color: <b>WHITE</b>	Split Code: <b>00</b>
Bal Source:		
Comments: <b>U</b>		
Prim Bal Type:	Prim Bal Addr:	

The planet code is specific to this voter's envelope.

# Early Voting Questions

- What alternative formats are available?
  - Large Print and Braille ballots
  - English, Spanish, & O'odham audio recordings
  - Sign Language informational videos
  - Polling places & early voting locations also have touch screen voting machines able to provide Large Print & audio at the polls

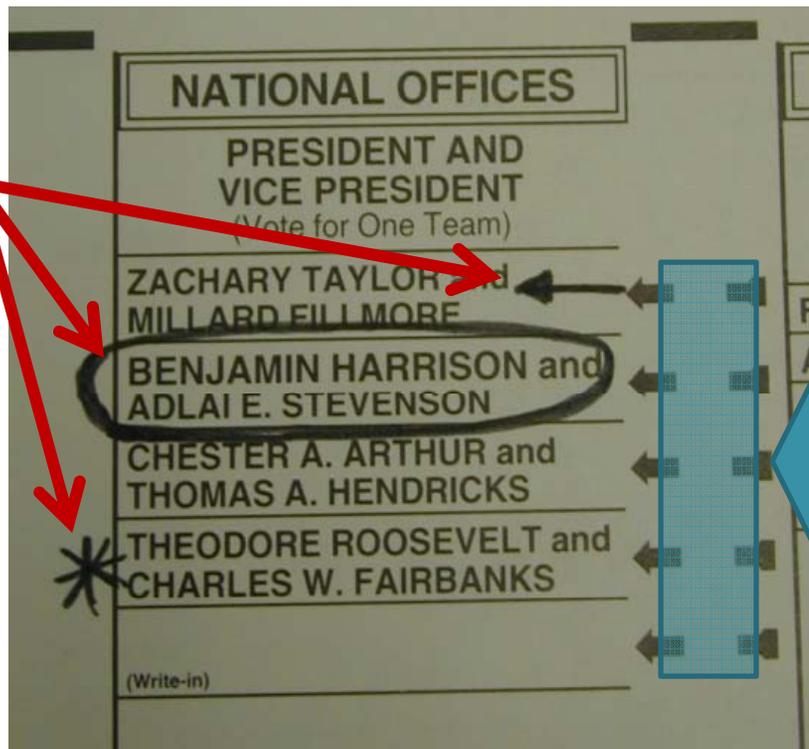


# Early Voting Questions

- How do I mark my vote?
  - Simply fill-in the arrow by connecting the head to the tail of the arrow:



- DO NOT:



The machine is reading this area

# Early Voting Questions



MAYOR ALCALDE	
(VOTE FOR NO! MORE THAN 1) (VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1)	
	TODD, MICHAEL ←
	MECK, JACKIE ←
Print name of Write-In Candidate HERE Escribe el nombre del Candidato por Escrito AQUI	<i>John Adams</i> ←

- To vote for an official write in candidate simply write in their name AND connect the arrow in order to cast a vote for that candidate.
- Only official candidates are tabulated and reported.

# 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!***



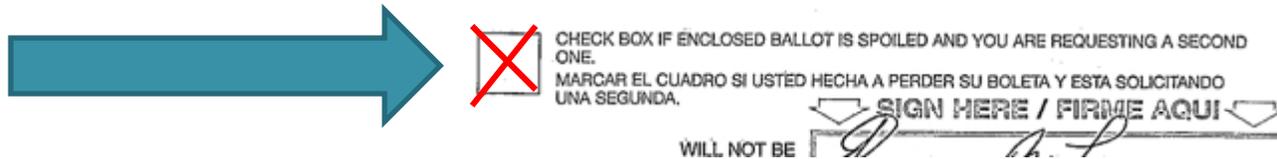
# Early Voting Questions

- 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 MCED and we 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 Return of Ballot

- 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!*



MARICOPA COUNTY EARLY BALLOT AFFIDAVIT - State of Arizona, County of Maricopa

I, the undersigned voter, do solemnly swear that I am the identical person whose name is signed to this affidavit and that this name and signature are my true name and signature, or if I did not personally sign, it was because of physical disability and that I requested \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME OF PERSON SIGNING AFFIDAVIT) to sign for me, that I have not voted and will not vote in this election in any other state during the calendar year of this affidavit and that I personally voted the enclosed ballot or that it was marked according to my instructions because I was unable to do so. I understand that knowingly voting more than once in any election is a class 5 felony. I declare that I am more than eighteen years of age, that I am a qualified elector of the State of Arizona and the County of Maricopa, and that I reside at (RESIDENCE ADDRESS LISTED TO THE RIGHT). If a challenge is filed against my early ballot, I understand that a copy of the challenge will be sent to me by first class mail and that I may have as little as forty-eight hours notice of an opportunity to appear. For purposes of notifying me of a ballot challenge between the time I return my ballot and seven days after election day, please use the following address: \_\_\_\_\_ (if no address is provided, notice will be mailed to the mailing address listed on the registration rolls.)

DECLARACIÓN JURADA DE LA BOLETA ELECTORAL TEMPRANA DEL CONDADO MARICOPA - Estado de Arizona, Condado de Maricopa

Yo, el votante suscrito, juro solemnemente que soy la persona idéntica de quien cuyo nombre se firma en esta declaración jurada y que dicho nombre y firma son mi nombre y firma verdaderos, o si no firmé personalmente, fue a causa de una incapacidad física y que pedí a que firmara por mí, \_\_\_\_\_ (NOMBRE DE LA PERSONA QUE FIRMA LA DECLARACIÓN JURADA) que no he votado y no votaré en esta elección en ningún otro estado durante el año del calendario de esta declaración jurada y que voté personalmente la boleta electoral adjunta o que se marcó según mis instrucciones a causa de que yo no pude hacerlo. Entiendo que el votar más de una vez a sabiendas en cualquier elección es un delito mayor de clase 5. Declaro que tengo más de dieciocho años de edad, que soy un elector calificado del Estado de Arizona y el Condado Maricopa y que residio en (DIRECCIÓN DE RESIDENCIA MENCIONADA A LA DERECHA). Si se presenta una objeción en contra de mi boleta electoral temprana, entiendo que se me enviará una copia de la objeción por correo de primera clase y que puedo tener un aviso de tan corto como de cuarenta y ocho horas sobre una oportunidad de comparecer. Para el propósito de avisarme sobre una objeción contra la boleta electoral entre el tiempo de que regreso mi boleta electoral y siete días después del día de la elección, por favor use la dirección siguiente: \_\_\_\_\_ (Si no se proporciona ninguna dirección, el aviso será enviado a la dirección del correo enumerada en la lista del registro.)

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**SIGN HERE / FIRME AQUI**

WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE

NO SE TRAMITAR SIN SU FIRMA

(DO NOT PRINT / NO ESCRIBA CON LETRA DE MOLDE)

(DATE / FECHA)

Be sure to sign your envelope!!!

# Early Voting Questions

- When do I need to mail my ballot back?
  - 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.





# **EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**

# Early Voting Locations

- Location, location, location
- Request processing
- Ballot creation
- Replacement ballots
- Ballot reception processes

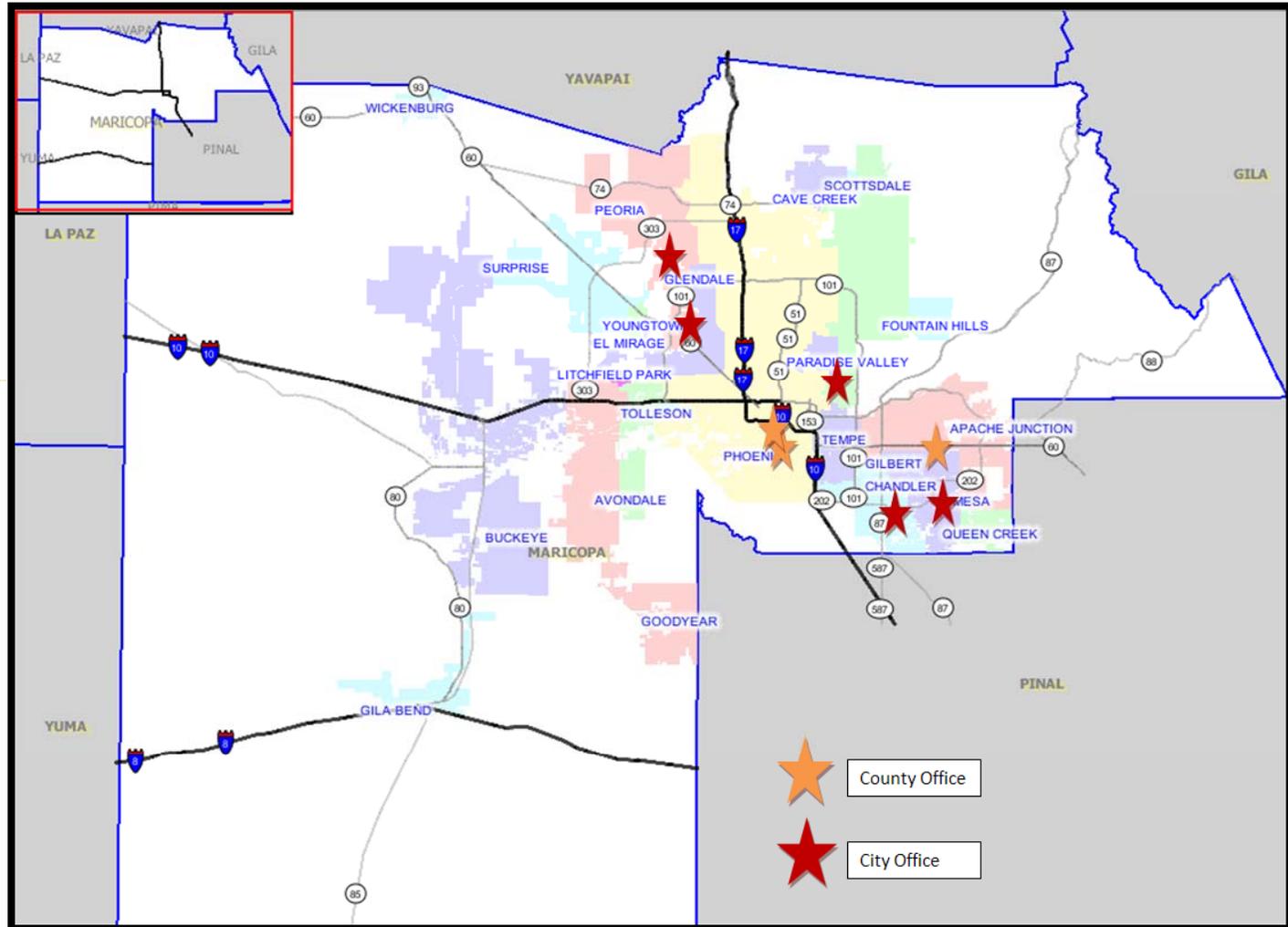


# Early Voting Locations

- Historically we have had a larger number of early voting satellites.
- However, with the large volume of voters now on the PEVL we have cut back on the number of sites.
- More voters vote early by mail than at locations and this will save the tax payers approximately \$300,000.



# Early Voting Locations Fall '08



Our 3 offices & an office within cities on the ballot.



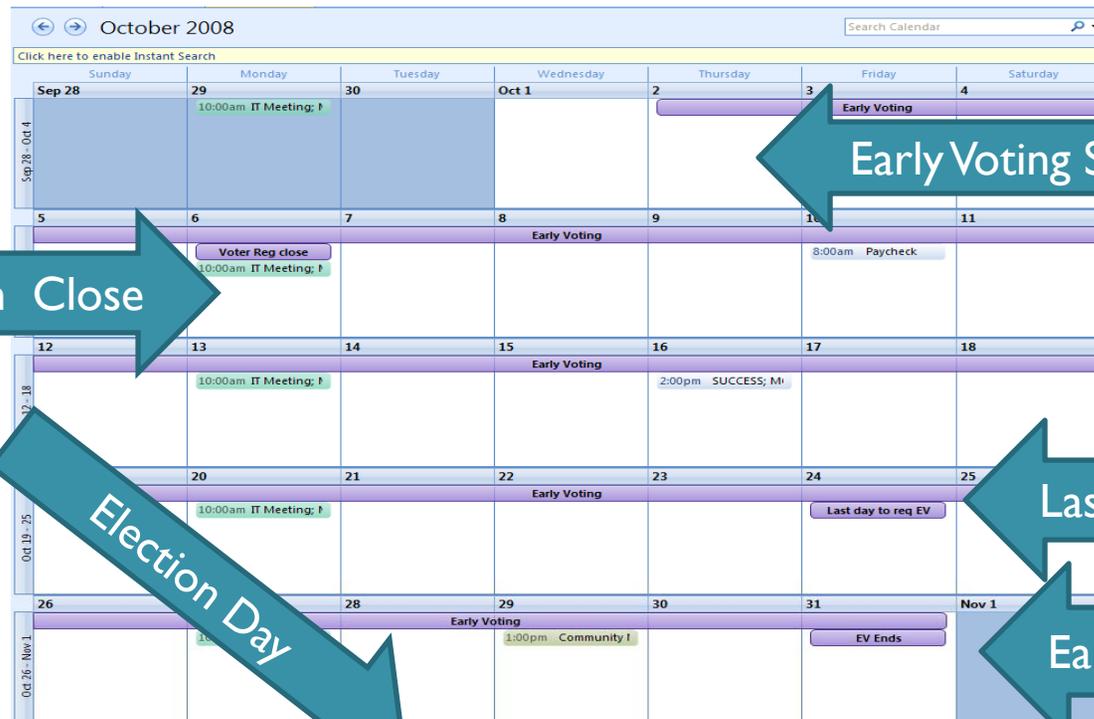
# Early Voting Locations



EV SATELLITE LOCATION	# VOTED PRIMARY	# VOTED GENERAL	# VOTED PRIMARY	# VOTED GENERAL	2008?
	2004	2004	2006	2006	
CHANDLER			89	1070	Y
MCED: DOWNTOWN	556	2599	274	1344	Y
GLENDALE			139	757	Y
MCED: MESA	381	2709	310	2112	Y
MCED: MCTEC	82	1084	237	472	Y
PEORIA	121	948	84	618	Y
SCOTTSDALE	312	3192	644	2400	Y
TEMPE	392	1571	414	1942	Y
ANTHEM			250	577	
AVONDALE	58	707	2	473	
GILBERT	80	962			
PORA: SUN CITY WEST	355	2365	231	2121	
SOUTH MOUNTAIN	49	53	37	204	
SURPRISE			69	710	
WICKENBURG				297	

# Early Voting Locations

- 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.



Registration Close

Early Voting Starts

Election Day

Last day to request

Early Voting Ends

# Early Voting Locations

## ● Procrastinator News Flash!!

- If you wait to vote at an early voting location until the last few days of early voting there will most likely be a line.
- Vote earlier on in the voting period and you won't have to wait.
- Bring your sample ballot pre-marked to speed up the voting process.



# Early Voting Locations

- Voters going to an early voting location simply fill out a request slip:



ID is not necessary as we verify the voter's signature.

**MARICOPA COUNTY**  **EARLY VOTING CONTROL SLIP**  
**PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANO**

1. BALLOT REQUESTED FOR:  PRIMARY/ PRIMARIA  GENERAL  
BOLETA SOLICITADA PARA:  
 OTHER/OTRO \_\_\_\_\_  
(SPECIFY WHICH ELECTION / ESPECIFIQUE QUÉ ELECCIÓN)

2. NAME/NOMBRE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST / APELLIDO FIRST / PRIMER MIDDLE / SEGUNDO

3. ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN CITY/CIUDAD ZIP/ZONA

4. DATE OF BIRTH/FECHA DE NACIMIENTO: \_\_\_\_\_

5. PHONE OR E-MAIL  
TELÉFONO O CORREO ELECTRÓNICO: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY / PARA EL USO DE LA OFICINA SOLAMENTE

ID#	DATE:
PARTY:	HEADER CODE:

2100-311 R6/05

# Early Voting Locations

- The voter's eligibility is checked online and their ballot style noted on the bottom of the slip.
- The voter then receives their ballot.
  - For jurisdictional elections the ballots are preprinted.
  - In a Primary or General we print on demand as most locations cannot accommodate 7,000+ ballot styles.



# Early Voting Locations

- The voter votes the ballot and seals it in an early voting envelope.
- The voter must remember to sign the envelope!



MARICOPA COUNTY EARLY BALLOT AFFIDAVIT - State of Arizona, County of Maricopa

I, the undersigned voter, do solemnly swear that I am the identical person whose name is signed to this affidavit and that the name and signature are my true name and signature, or if I did not personally sign, it was because of physical disability and that I requested \_\_\_\_\_ ASSIST

OF PERSONS (SIGNING AFFIDAVIT) to sign for me, that I have not voted and will not vote in this election in any other state during the calendar year of this affidavit and that I personally voted the enclosed ballot on that it was marked according to my instructions because I was unable to do so. I understand that knowledge voting more than once in any election is a class 6 felony. I declare that I am more than eighteen years of age, that I am a qualified elector of the State of Arizona and the County of Maricopa, and that I reside at PRESENCE ADDRESS LISTED TO THE RIGHT. If a challenge is filed against my early ballot, I understand that a copy of this challenge will be sent to me by first class mail and that I may have as little as forty-eight hours notice of an opportunity to appear. For purposes of nothing me of a ballot challenge between the time I return my ballot and seven days after election day, please use the following address: \_\_\_\_\_ If no address is provided, notice will be mailed to the mailing address listed on the registration card.)

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DATE / FECHA

- Then the envelope is deposited into the sealed ballot box:



# Early Voting Locations

- Voters voting on the Edge touch screen voting machine have a similar processing slip:



 **EDGE ACTIVATION CARD CODE SHEET**  
**EDGE HOJA DE CÓDIGO DE TARJETA DE LA ACTIVACIÓN**

BOD Code = Activation Code (as it needs to be keyed in Card Activator) 7- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
CPC# \_\_\_\_\_ SPLIT# \_\_\_\_\_

EDGE voter card activated as: (Mark one)

Place this EDGE Code Sheet into the voters Early Voting Counter Envelope. Affix any forms required to the Packet (Change of Address Provisional Ballot Form **OR** Voter's receipt copy of a registration form).

Standard Ballot (Menu, Press 1)       Audio Ballot (Menu, Press 3)

Indicate "Card Activator" Provisional Ballot ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

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SPANISH VERSION BELOW IS FOR VOTER REFERENCE ONLY  
LA VERSIÓN EN ESPAÑOL DE ABAJO ES SOLAMENTE PARA REFERENCIA DEL/DE LA VOTANTE

Código BOD = Código para Activación (como debe ponerse en el Activador de la Tarjeta ) \_\_\_\_\_ (INDICADO ARRIBA)

Tarjeta de votante EDGE activada como: (Marque uno)

Ponga esta Página de Código EDGE en el Sobre de Conteo de Votación Temprana de los votantes. Adjunte al Paquete cualquier formulario requerido (Formulario de Cambio de Dirección de Boleta Provisional **O** Copia de recibo del votante de un formulario de inscripción).

Boleta Estándar (Menú, Presione 1)       Boleta Audio (Menú, Presione 3)

(INDICADO ARRIBA)

Indique el Número de ID de "Activador de Tarjeta" de Boleta Provisional \_\_\_\_\_

# Early Voting Locations

- The various ballots cast are entered on the Balance sheet at the end of each day:



Counter Ballots  
Drop-Off Ballots  
Provisional Ballots  
Edge Ballots

**CTR – EARLY VOTE BALANCE STATEMENT**

--This form is to be completed when first sealing the ballot box & each time the ballot box seal is broken for transport--

**Opening Site** Election Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Satellite Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Ballot Box Seal # \_\_\_\_\_ <Indicate Seal number placed on EMPTY ballot box

Ballot Box Sealed on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ <Indicate date that the above Seal was placed on the ballot box

**Closing Site** Break the ballot box seal, empty contents of the ballot box and note below:

Ballot Box Seal # \_\_\_\_\_ <Enclose seal within the Large Gray "Early Voting Return" Envelope

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ <Indicate date that the ballot box was accessed for transport of ballots

- TOTAL Number of EV Affidavit Packets**  
To include all Counters, Mail-out Drop-offs, Change of Address, Provisional's & EDGE Affidavits \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL Number of Control Slips** \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL Number of Registration Forms** \_\_\_\_\_

→ Satellite Site Staff (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

→ Transport Staff Member (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Retain YELLOW Copy at the Satellite Site

**Transport Receipt** This portion to be completed by the Receiving Agent at the MCTEC Facility

Receiving Agent (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sign to acknowledge receipt from Transport Staff Member Date Envelope Received

Transport Envelope received sealed/signed by above staff members (check box to acknowledge)

**Audit Verification** Open sealed transport envelope, empty contents and note below:

Ballot Box Seal # \_\_\_\_\_ <Verify seal number enclosed within the Transport Envelope

- TOTAL Number of COUNTER (Including Change of Address) EV Affidavit Packets** \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL Number of MAIL-OUT DROP-OFF EV Affidavit Packets** \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL Number of EV Provisional Envelopes** (need to enter Status in PB System) \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL Number of EDGE Affidavit Packets** (Do not send for Signature Verification) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL OF A, B, C & D above** (Must Equal Total from 1. above)

- TOTAL Number of Control Slips** \_\_\_\_\_ (Must Equal Total from 2. above)
- TOTAL Number of Registration Forms** \_\_\_\_\_ (Must Equal Total from 3. above)

Audit Agent (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sign to acknowledge AUDIT Verification Matches Date of Audit Match

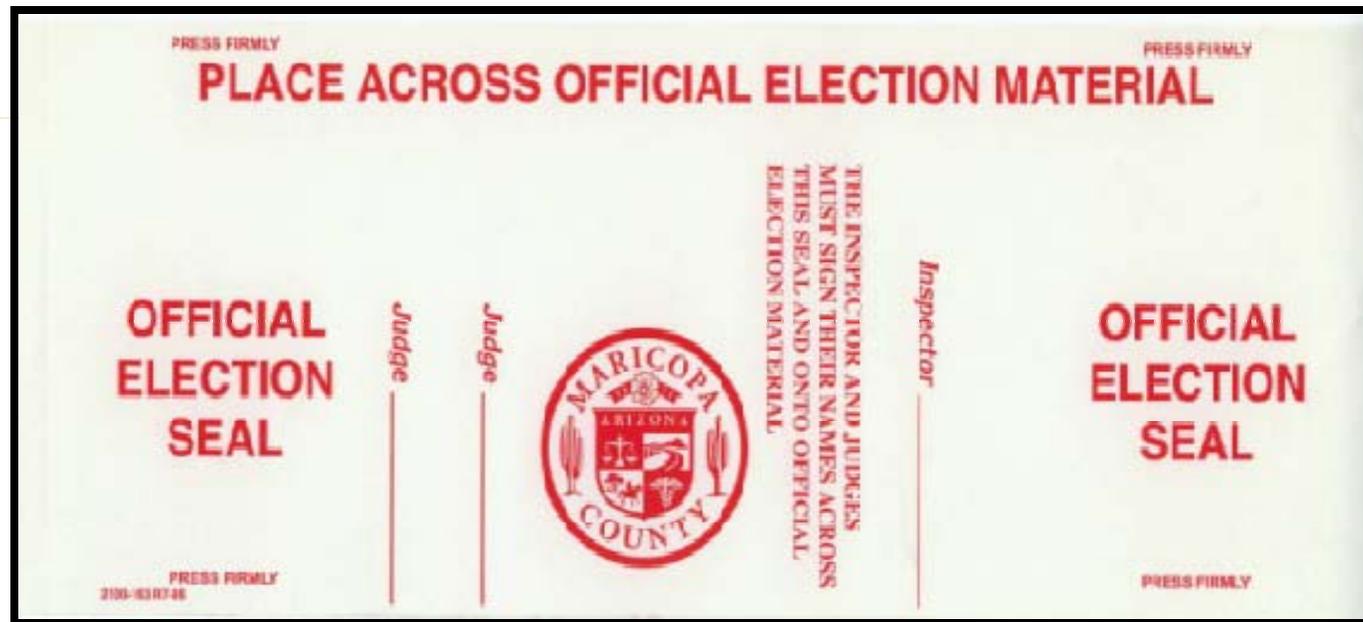
Receiving Agent to retain top WHITE (Original) Copy ~ Satellite Site to retain YELLOW Copy

2100 – CTR EV Balance Statement REV 08-09-2006

Seal #s are checked

# Early Voting Locations

- Ballots are sealed in an envelope for transport and are signed by workers of opposite party affiliation:



- Those ballots are gathered by our staff and taken for processing.

# Early Voting Locations

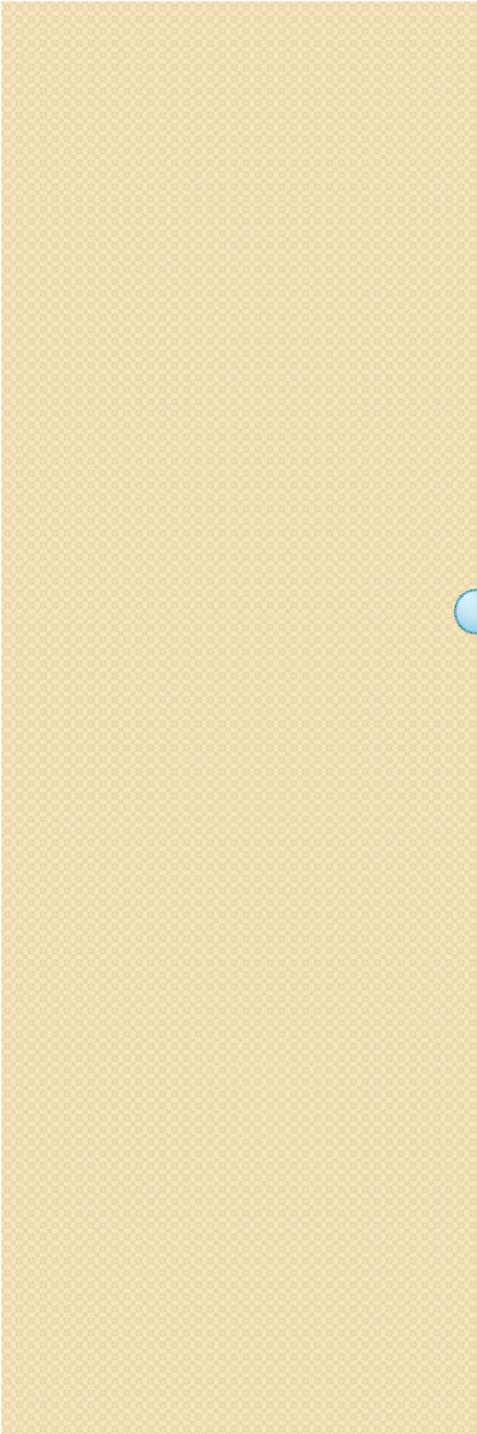
- If the volume is too great for an envelope a sealed ballot box will be used by our staff to transport the early ballots:



# Early Voting Locations

- Some voters are unable to make it to the polls and need assistance but have no one to ask.
- MCED has Special Election Boards (SEBs) which go to assist voters in their homes.
- The SEBs are bipartisan.
- Requests need to be made in advance.





**EARLY VOTING  
RETURNS PROCESSES**

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# Early Voting Return Process

- Voted ballots are taken to the vendor for scanning.
- They are kept in their batch and run through the machine to capture an electronic image of the piece:
  - The entire envelope
  - The signature field

The machine will also verify the weight of the envelope. If it is not the specified weight it out-stacks it for MCED to review.

Voters will often times tear off the top of their ballot and just mail that back (when there is little on the ballot) or send 2 ballots in one envelope.



# Early Voting Return Process

- The envelopes are re-trayed and stored in a sealed vault under 24 X 7 surveillance & code access:



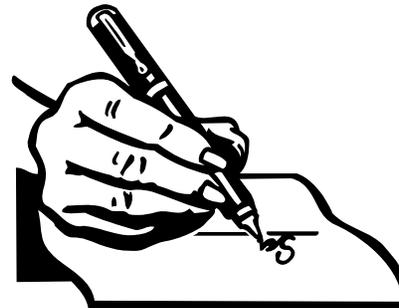
Security includes sensor if door constraints are compromised

# Early Voting Return Process

- After the returning envelopes are scanned an electronic file of the images is interfaced with our early voting system.
- An image of the voter's registration form is juxtaposed with the image of the early voting envelope and reviewed by Election Department staff to determine if the signature is valid.



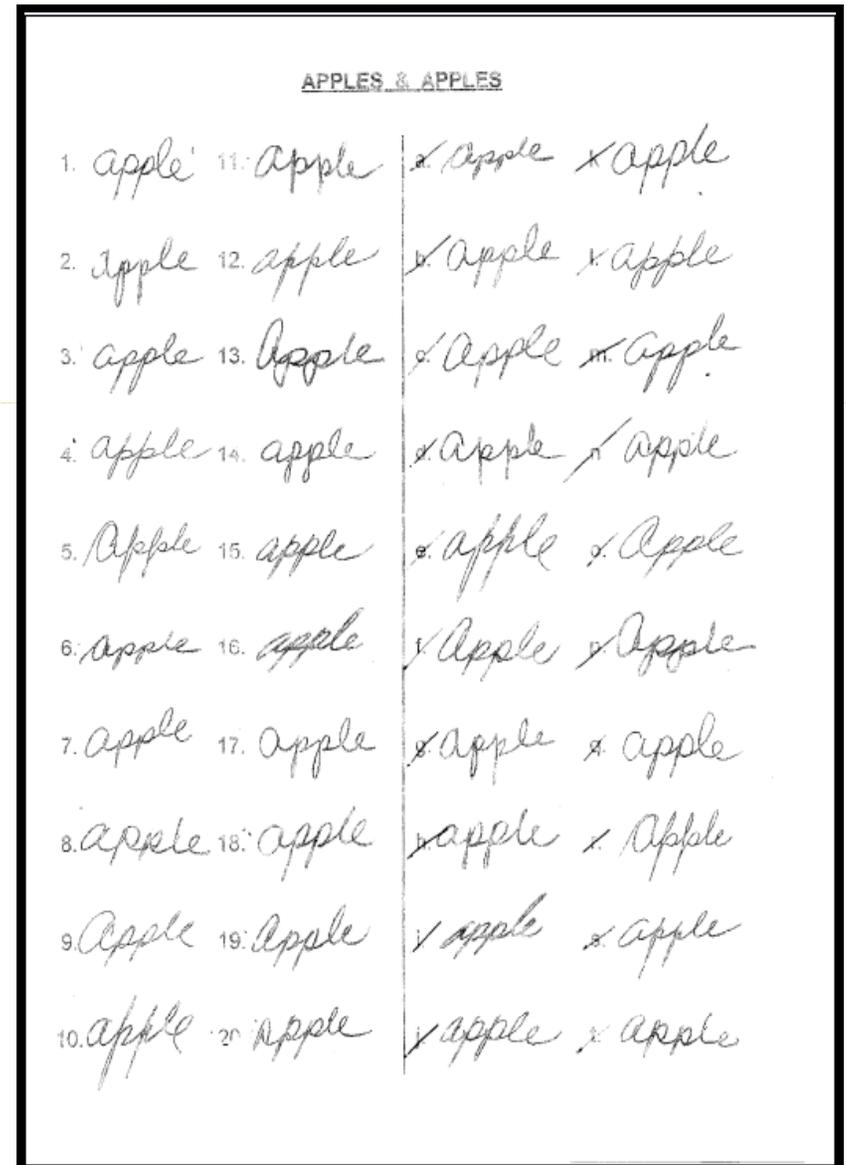
*Linda Jones*



*Linda Jones*

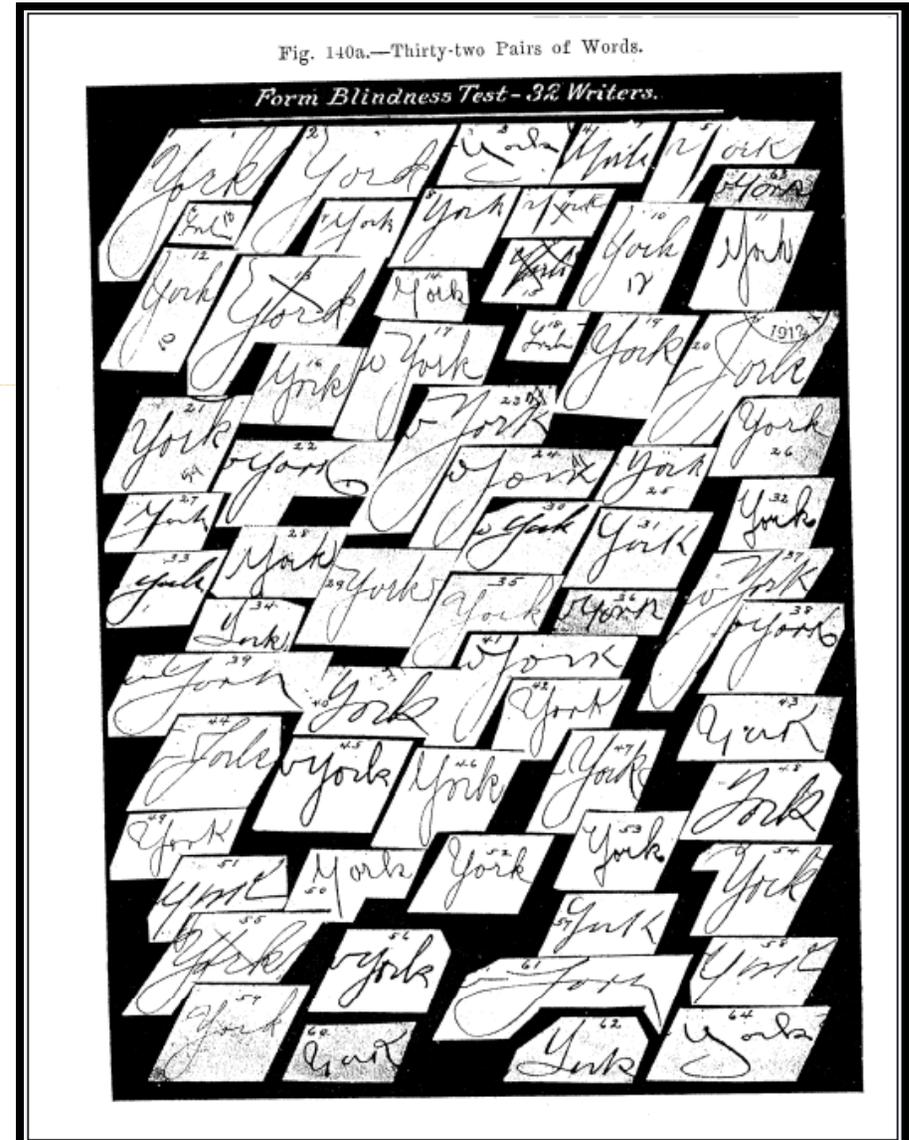
# How does one “verify a signature?”

- Staff go through an intensive forensic signature course on common traits of forgery, fraud, as well as the inherent variations in everyone’s signature.
- The “apples to apples” work sheet is an example:



# How does one “verify a signature?”

- Staff learn how to train the eye to review:
  - Slant
  - Connections
  - Stopping points
  - Line orientation
- The York worksheet is another example from the training.





If the signature is good, this button is selected

When the file is completed it is sent back to our vendor who runs the envelopes back through the sorting machine.

The envelopes are separated and brought by staff to our tabulation center (in much the same way as they were sorted by zip code on the outbound process).

The screenshot shows the 'EV26 - Early Voting Signature Verification' software interface. The window title is 'EV26 - Early Voting Signature Verification'. The menu bar includes File, Edit, Data, Image, Batch, Reports, and Help. The toolbar contains buttons for Good, Exception, Need Packet, Bad, Prev, Next, Zoom, Reset, Flip, New, End, Print Screen, and Exit. The main area displays a 'Requires Verification' status with 'Idle Time Out' at 29, 'Process Size' at 250, and 'Page 1 of 1'. The central form is a 'STATE OF ARIZONA VOTER REGISTRATION' form for 'Markopa' in 'Maricopa' county. The form includes fields for name, address, birth date, and occupation, with handwritten entries. A signature 'Linda Jones' is visible in a redacted area. The bottom status bar shows '1/250', '0021', 'Processing Signature Verification', 'User', and '10:49 AM'.

If the signature is questionable or missing this button is selected

If the signature is set as an exception, then the envelope is out-stacked and looked at manually by our staff.

If there is a question about the signature we attempt to call the voter or send them written notice if time allows.

EV26 - Early Voting Signature Verification

File Edit Data Image Batch Reports Help

Exception Need Packet Bad Prev Next Zoom Zoom Reset Flip New End Print Screen Exit

Idle Time Out 30 959385345 Requires Verification Page 1 of 1 Process Size 250

Mail Ballot Request  
Must be Mailed by October 19, 2002 959385345

EVIS MOC

Full name Last Name Middle Name  
Street Address Apt./Space # City State Zip 05-5252  
Date of Birth  
Telephone 0516614  
e-mail (fill in below only if different than above)

Voter Signature  
Linda Jones

Name  
Street or Box  
City State Zip

Paid for by the Arizona Republican Party.

WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE  
DO NOT PRINT AND SIGNATURE MUST BE IN INK  
3-10-08  
DATE / PRINT

11/250 0021 Processing Signature Verification User 10:51 AM

# The disposition of the ballot is recorded on the voter's history:



EV01 - Ballot Inquiry

File Exit Help

New Open Save Delete Print Clear Exit

Choose an Election Date: 02/05/2008 Enter Voter ID: 1845308

Switch Ballot Issue Number: 1

ELECTION INFORMATION:

Elect Type: CLOSED PRIMARY Elect Number: 1077

Elect Title: PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION

Voter Information | Ballot Information

EARLY VOTING/BALLOT LAYOUT INFORMATION:

Planet Code: 400013378482 EV Loc: MTEC Ballot Type: MOB

Ballot Party: DEMOCRATIC Ballot Color: WHITE Split Code: 00

Bal Source: conVrasEV1582B

Comments: INSERTED BY JSO

Prim Bal Type: Prim Bal Addr:

Ballot History

BALLOT EVENT	EVENT DATE	EMP/SYS ID
GOOD SIGNATURE	2/5/2008	WSUSERXP0068
BALLOT RECEIVED BY POST OFFICE	2/5/2008	JSO
BALLOT SENT FOR SIG VER	2/5/2008	WSUSERXP0068
BALLOT MAILED	1/13/2008	JSO

PRECINCT/DISTRICT INFORMATION:

Precinct: 7421 - BALSZ-BRILL-GARDENS-GATEWAY-SK City Limits: P8 Sub Route: 14

School Dist: CREIGHTON ELEM #14 H.S. Dist: PHOENIX UNION Prec Dis:

Press <Clear>/<Enter> to Enter Another VoterID OR <End> to Exit

Good Signature

PC address of the person who reviewed the sig

- The voter's history is updated for that election:



VM08 - Voter Master Inquiry - History using - VRASPROD

File Exit Help

new open save delete print clear end

VOTER ELECTION HISTORY

P 2008 Y DEM G 2008 Y P 2006 Y G 2006 Y P 2004 Y G 2004 Y

Voter ID:  Harassment Code: N Voter's Name:

VOTER CHANGE HISTORY

Chg Number	Chg Date	Chg Type	Chg Reason	Assoc Voter ID
03/15/2004 - 40634328	03/15/2004	M	MOD NAM SIGN	0
12/05/2003 - 901845308	12/05/2003	U	Added DLN to StatelDs	0
08/14/2002 - 901845308	08/14/2002	R	RESTORATION	0
04/05/2002 - 901845308	04/05/2002	D	REGISTRATION VERIFICATIO	0
03/05/2002 - 352016806	03/05/2002	U	LATER REGISTRATION	0
08/17/2000 - 990216549	08/04/2000	M	MODIFICATION	0
07/07/2000 - 901845308	07/07/2000	D	REGISTRATION VERIFICATIO	0
08/08/1998 - 950567888	07/27/1998	N	ORIG REG	0

Aff Selected: 950567888 08/08/1998

# Early Voting Return Process

- The file of signature dispositions (Good Sig, Bad Sig, No Sig, Exception) is sent back to the vendor.
- The tray of envelopes is removed from vault and loaded into the sorter where the envelopes are out-stacked based on their disposition code.
- An audit trail is created with each pass.



# Early Voting Return Process



There are less than 20 of these machines in use in the United States. We are very fortunate to have one at our disposal.

# Early Voting Return Process

- Good Sig: these envelopes are delivered to our bipartisan citizen boards for processing & tabulation.
- Bad Sig / No Sig / Exception: these envelopes are delivered to management staff at MCED
  - Attempt to contact voter via phone to verify they voted & determine why sig was different.
  - If envelope not signed and time permits it is sent back to the voter for their signature.
  - If unable to contact voter and signature is unverified it is reviewed by a bipartisan citizen board for final determination.



# Early Voting Return Process

- Our citizen boards are bipartisan.
- The political parties can appoint workers.
- 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.



# Early Voting Return Process

- Envelopes are counted and reconciled to the Audit Tray report from the vendor to ensure that all are present prior to processing:



# Early Voting Return Process

- Each batch is accounted for and tracked on a master sheet as well as transmittal slips which accompany the ballots:

A photograph showing a person's hands filling out an "EARLY VOTING BALLOT REPORT" form. The form includes sections for "REJECTED" (with columns for DATE, ID NUMBER, G, H) and "DUPLICATIONS" (with columns for DATE, Sub, and J, K). There are also sections for "APPROXIMATE RECEIVED", "TOTAL BALLOTS RECORDED", and "TOTAL BALLOTS TO BE RECORDED". The form is being filled out with a green pen. A yellow "TRANSMITTAL SLIP" is also visible, with handwritten information including "Batch: 202" and "Date: 3/2/18".

Tray report from vendor



# Early Voting Return Process

Envelopes with good signatures are opened by the citizen board and the ballots removed for tabulation:



Ballot styles checked vs. envelope.



Ballots are unfolded and flattened for counting.



Some ballots arrive damaged. This one was torn in two so it was taped for duplication.



Transmittal slips go with each batch: one for counting and one for the duplication board.



The empty envelopes are also accounted for and counted by each member of the board.

# Video of Audit



# Video of envelope opening



# Video of sub-batch summary



# Transmittal slips follow the batch:



## TRANSMITTAL SLIP

PREC / DIST No.: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one from each group:

TO: BTC DUP EV INSP BTBV WRITE-IN

FROM: BTC DUP EV INSP BTBV WRITE-IN

TOTAL BALLOTS: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD No: \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_



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## TRANSMITTAL SLIP

PREC / DIST No.: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one from each group:

TO: BTC DUP EV INSP BTBV WRITE-IN

FROM: BTC DUP EV INSP BTBV WRITE-IN

TOTAL BALLOTS: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD No: \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUPLICATION REASON**

Damaged  Erroneous

**BALLOT NEEDED**  
(per affidavit envelope)

Pct/Dist# \_\_\_\_\_

Pct Name: \_\_\_\_\_

C1636 10/98 \_\_\_\_\_



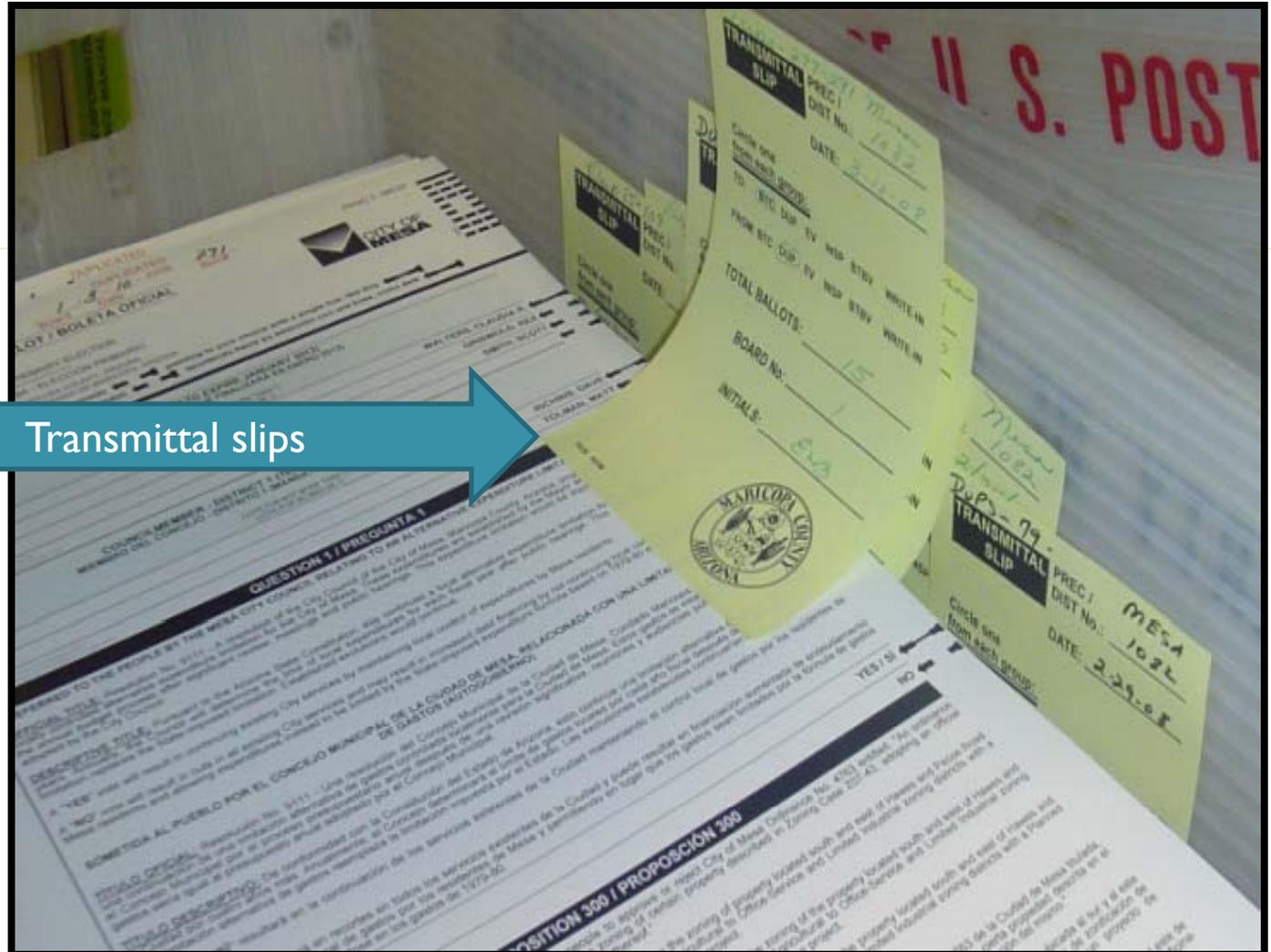
# Early Voting Return Process

- Some ballots come in which have been voted with a crayon, highlighter, eye pencil, etc. The tabulation equipment will not read these marks.
- Some ballots are damaged in the mail.
- These ballots are sent to a bi-partisan duplication board to be replicated so that they can be counted.



# Early Voting Return Process

- At every stage, every ballot is accounted for:



Transmittal slips

# Early Voting Return Process

- At every stage, every envelope is accounted for:



EARLY VOTING BALLOT REPORT

TYPE OF ELECTION  
 GENERAL  
 PRIMARY  
 SPECIAL  
 JURISDICTION

BOARD OFFICER #1: *Nata Clara* BATCH # *61*  
 BOARD OFFICER #2: *Janice Valverde* BOARD # *3*  
 ELECTION DATE: *3-11-08*

JURISDICTION	A	B	C	D	E	F	COMPLETED TOTAL
1. AFFIDAVITS RECEIVED	50	40					90
2. TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS RECEIVED	0	0					0

YOUR SIGNATURE: *Janice Valverde* DO NOT PRINT / NO SE TRAMITAR SIN SU FIRMA  
 DATE / FECHA: *03/10/08*

MAHARAJA COUNTY EARLY BALLOT AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF MARICOPA

I, the undersigned voter, do solemnly swear that I signed this ballot and that the name pronounced, or if I did not personally sign, it was in the presence of a witness who is a resident of the same precinct as I am, and that I am at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States.

Signature: *Janice Valverde* NAME: *Janice Valverde*

Signature: *Janice Valverde* NAME: *Janice Valverde*

# Early Voting Return Process

- When early voting closes the Friday before the election we upload the file of every voter who requested an early ballot and who has voted at our early voting sites.
- This report of early voters is printed and delivered to the polling place Inspector where they designate on the Signature Roster that the voter may have received a ballot.



# Early Voting Return Process



NAME AND ADDRESS		EARLY VOTE	REG. NO.	ELECTOR MUST SIGN HERE BEFORE VOTING	PRECINCT CODE 7208
AL TADENA-CALAVAR-COUNTRY GABLE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1		VOTER ID
BALLOT, PARTY, REG DATE EDGE		EV	0145		998996
BE 101 E. WINDY A.M.		<input type="checkbox"/>	2		1352565
		EV	0146		2383112
		<input type="checkbox"/>	3		
		EV	0147		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	4		
		EV	0148		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5		
		EV	0149		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	6		1233366
		EV	0150		2181809
		<input type="checkbox"/>	7		
		EV	0151		
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		EV	0160		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17		159485
		EV	0161		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	18		2600817
		EV	0162		

ELECTION NO: 1077      BE-BE      PAGE: 9-185  
 PRECINCT CODE: 7208      02/05/2008

- Boardworkers do not know if the voter returned their ballot, or how many ballots they received (if they spoiled one).
- If an early voter goes to the polls they will be asked to vote a provisional ballot.
- They will NEVER be allowed to put an early ballot through the machine as this may allow them to vote twice if they have already mailed in an alternate ballot received due to a replacement request.



# **EARLY VOTING TABULATION**

# Early Voting Tabulation

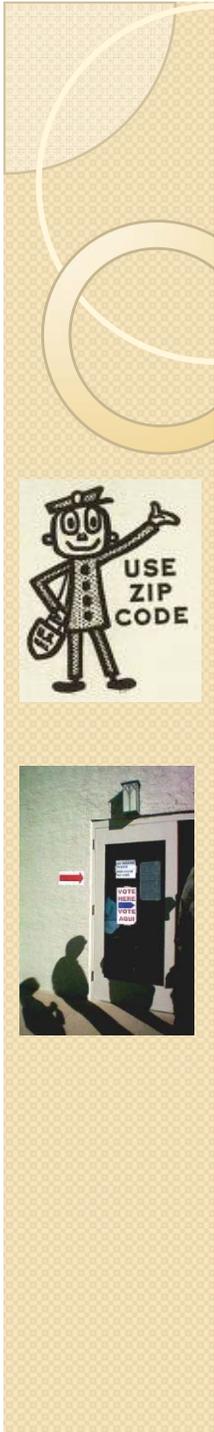
- Our ballot tabulation center has key-card access only and 24X7 video surveillance:



Cameras



Key Card



# Early Voting Tabulation

- When a Federal or State Election is being conducted and there are live ballots in the tabulation room, the camera feeds can be viewed on our website:



- Session times out after 30 minutes at a camera, but you can simply log back on.
- There are 8 cameras to view.



A screenshot of the Maricopa County Recorder's website. The header features the Maricopa County logo and a photo of Helen Purcell, Maricopa County Recorder, with the date Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Below the header is a navigation menu with options: Recorder, Elections, Media Events, Support, Hours &amp; Locations, and Miscellaneous. A red arrow points from the 'Elections' menu item to the 'LIVE VIDEO FEEDS FROM BALLOT TABULATION CENTER (BTC)' section. This section displays a live video feed of the BTC South View, with a timestamp of 14:13:14 on 01-29-08. A red arrow points from the text 'There are 8 cameras to view' to the video feed. To the right of the video feed is a list of camera views: BTC South View, BTC North View, BTC Storage Area South View, BTC Storage Area North View, and BTC. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the list. At the bottom of the page, it says 'The Official Website of the Maricopa County Recorder and Elections Department'.

# You can watch in your jammies...



**DISCLAIMER:** Viewing may not be as exciting as photos imply.

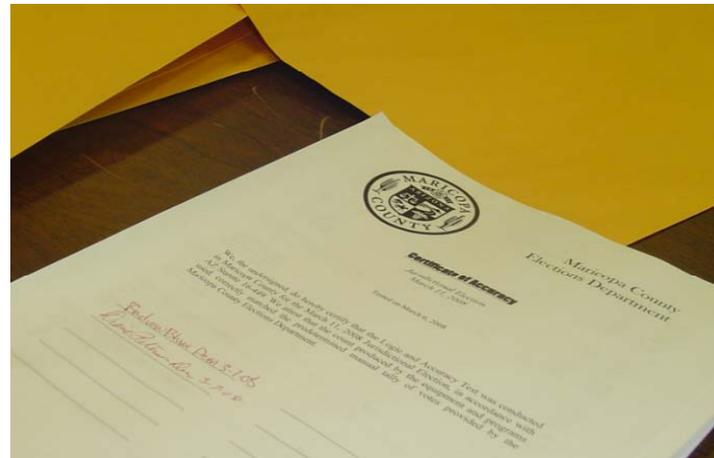


# Early Voting Tabulation

- Ballots are counted in batches.
- The political parties are advised of when counting will be done and can send observers.
- These observers select random batches for hand auditing.
- They are also present for the testing of the machines.



Certificate of Accuracy  
signed by observers:



# Early Voting Tabulation

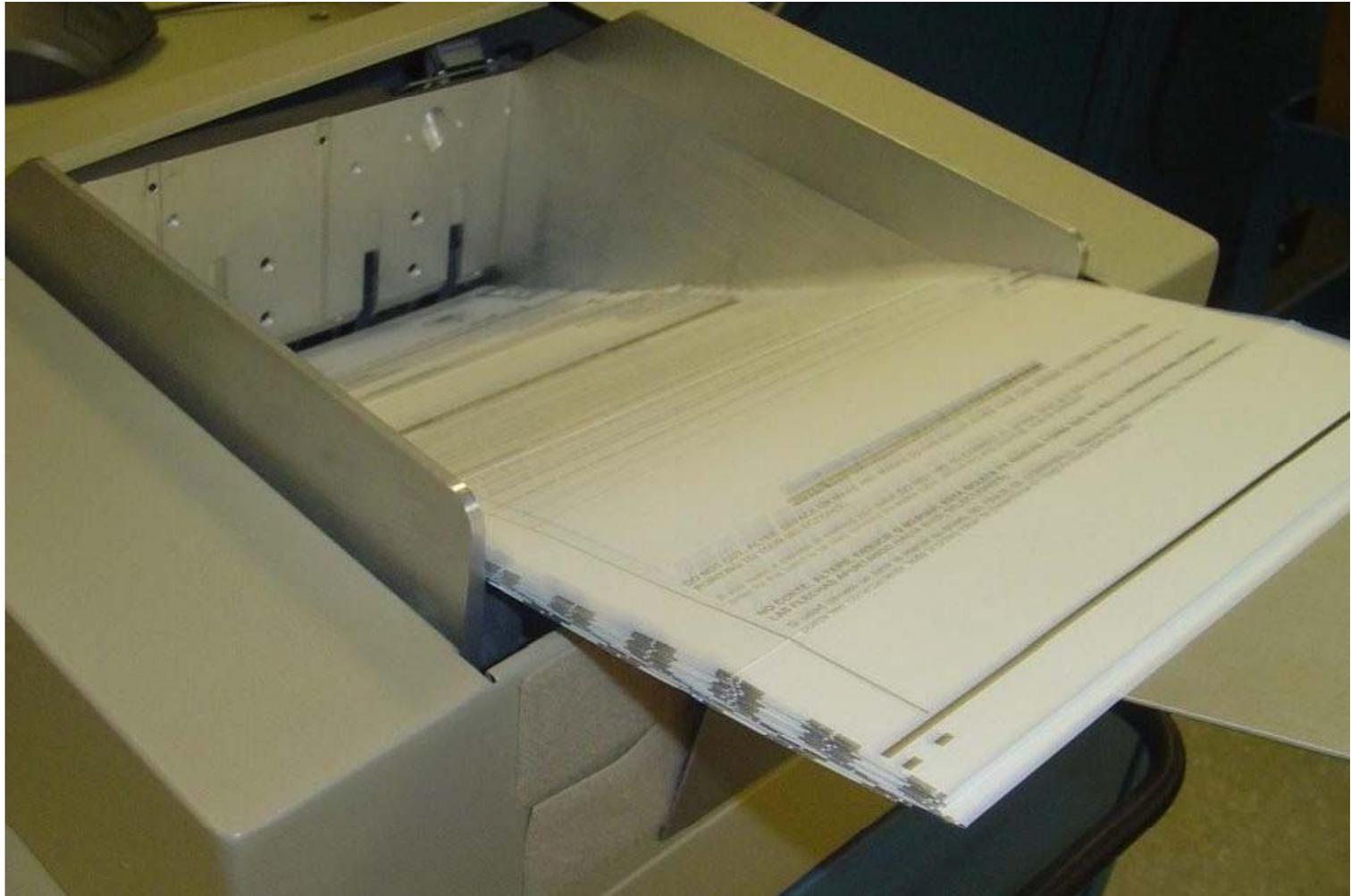
- The counting of early ballots can begin no sooner than 7 days prior to Election Day.
- Counting cannot begin until a Logic and Accuracy test has been done on the tabulation equipment.
- **NO RESULTS ARE TALLIED OR RELEASED UNTIL 8:00 PM ELECTION DAY.**
- You can view results on our website at that time, and as they are updated:  
[www.recorder.maricopa.gov](http://www.recorder.maricopa.gov)



# The central tabulator:



# Ballots are fed into the machine:



# They outstack blank or misread ballots for manual inspection:



Ballots with write-in candidates are separated after the rest of the ballot is tabulated:



Write-in ballots

- Ballots with write-in candidates are reviewed to determine if it is a valid candidate.
- Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, & Goofy are not official candidates so are not counted.
- Voters who vote for themselves are likewise not processed unless they have filed appropriate candidate papers for that election.



# Ballots which have been counted:

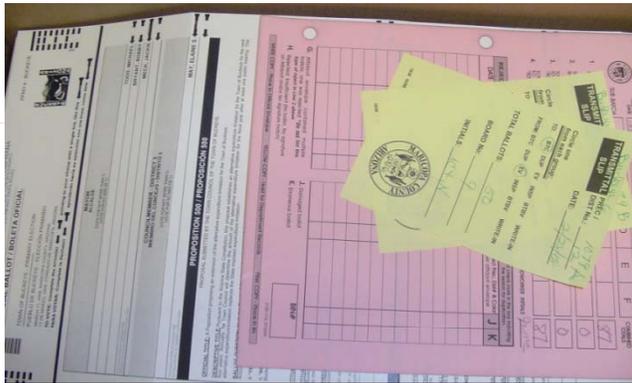


# Public windows of the BTC :



# Early Voting Tabulation

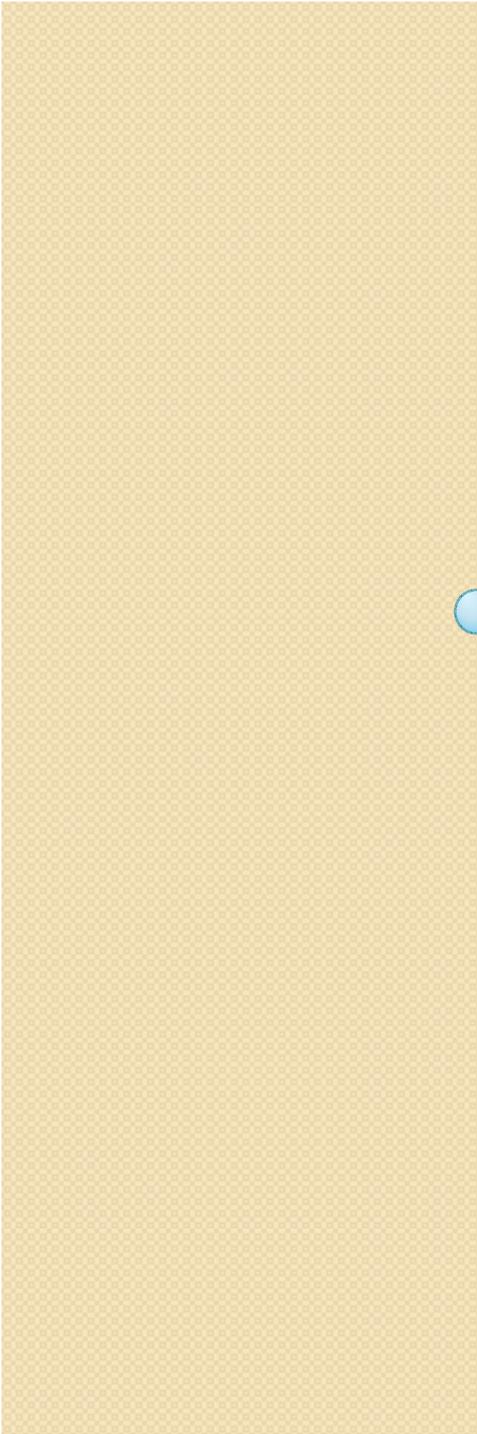
- After tabulation the Early ballots are packaged for final storage:



Along with  
the ballots  
are all  
transmittal  
slips and  
reports



Boxes are  
labeled with  
the batch  
numbers  
they contain



**EARLY VOTING AUDITS  
& ARCHIVES**

# Audits & Reporting

- In the tabulation center, for Elections with Federal or State offices or issues, the party observers randomly identify batches that they want to be included in the hand audit.
- Each party has the opportunity to participate in selecting an equal number of batches to be hand counted in the specified races.



# Audits & Reporting

Early ballots are delivered for audit in their sealed ballot boxes by Sheriff's deputies:



# Audits & Reporting

- Auditors check seal numbers with party observers:



# Audits & Reporting

- Ballots are hand counted and then compared to the machine results.



# Audit & Reporting

## Presidential Preference Election '08:

The hand audit verified that the machines ALL tabulated with 100% accuracy.



# Packing for Retention

- Ballots are boxed, sealed, and palletized:



# Storage/Archiving

- Jurisdictional election materials are retained by the entity in charge of the election (E.g. City/Town Clerk's Office, School Superintendent's office, etc.).



JURISDICTIONAL ELECTION

COUNT 3 Mea  
(Jurisdiction)

EV PB LEV

DATE 3-6-08

BATCH 113, 77, 96



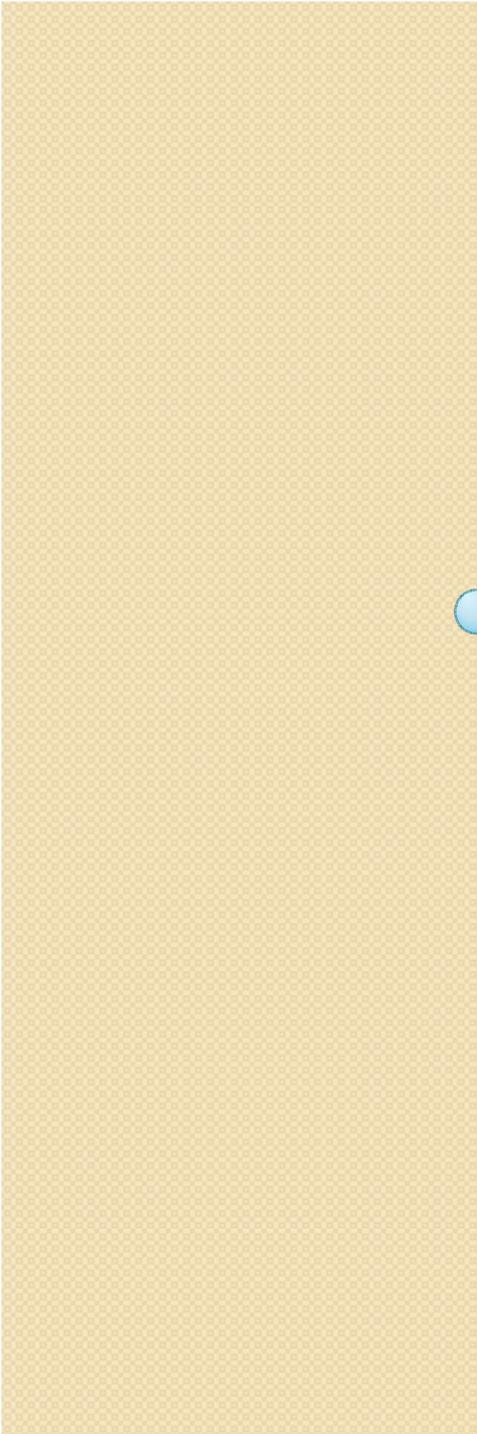
MARICOPA COUNTY ARIZONA

# Storage/Archiving



Presidential Preference Election materials from earlier this year.

Federal election materials are stored in the Treasurer's Secure Facility for 22 months before they are destroyed.



**MYTHS**

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# “Early Ballots are not counted.”

- As you have seen, not only are they counted, in many cases they are actually counted first.



**BUSTED**

# “Early voting isn’t secure.”

- As you have seen this is a VERY secure process both from tampering as well as fraud with checks, audits, and verifications throughout the entire process.



**BUSTED**

“A private company is running our elections.”

- We have a vendor who prints the ballots, does the envelope insertion, and scans the images.
- They only have access to basic mailing information.
- They have no power over disposition of the ballot, processing, or tabulation



**BUSTED**

# In Arizona, voters have choices.

- You have the choice to vote early:

- By mail *or*
- In person *or*
- With assistance

**OR**

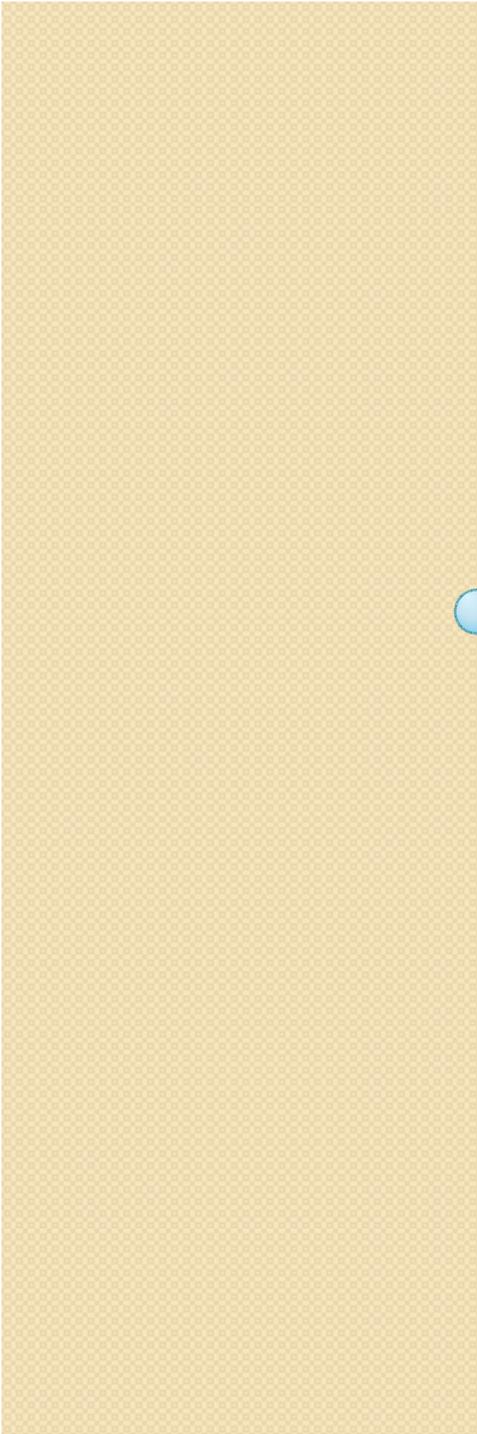
- You have the choice to vote at the polls:
  - Mid morning or mid-afternoon when we typically see a lull and shorter lines. *or*
  - First thing in the morning or in the evening after work when there is a likelihood of a line.



## **SPECIAL THANKS!**

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 **QUESTIONS?**

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