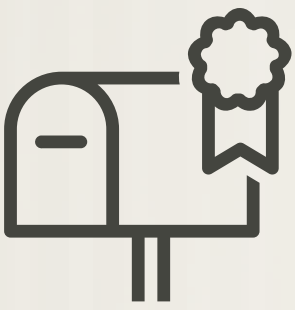
MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

VOTING BY MAIL

Security. Verification. Transparency.

Voting by mail in Arizona is secure and verifiable. Only registered voters may request a ballot in the mail. All ballot affidavit envelopes require a signature that is then checked against a known signature on the official voter registration file. The Elections Department and the Office of the Recorder have internal controls and tracking methods for ballot security. Our ballot processing teams conduct multiple audit checks before and after ballots are tabulated. Only verified ballots are counted, but we report all uncounted ballots. Find out more below!



1 ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS CAN REQUEST A BALLOT

The law requires that the Elections Department check the voter registration record against vital records and government systems prior to mailing a ballot to a voter. These checks verify the registration status of the voter and ensures we send the correct ballot to the correct voter.

2 VERIFICATION STARTS 90 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION

The law requires the Office of the Recorder mail out notices to all voters on the Permanent Early Voting List 90-days prior to an election. This mailing confirms that the voter still lives at the address on file and allows the voter the opportunity to update their record if the voter has moved. After reconciling our voter records, we mail ballots 27 days before an election.

3 TRACKING YOUR BALLOT

Every single mailed ballot is tracked upon delivery and receipt with an intelligent mail barcode so voters can have peace of mind knowing it was counted. Track your ballot by texting "JOIN" to 628-683 or online at BeBallotReady.Vote. The Elections Department also has internal controls and tracking methods for ballot security beginning from when your ballot is initially mailed, to how we transport voted ballots from the post office, to onsite security and much more.

4 ALL AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPES ARE SIGNATURE VERIFIED

All signatures are checked against a known signature on the official voter registration file and past affidavit signatures. Our signature verification process has multi-level checks to ensure only valid signatures are counted. Voters with questionable signatures are contacted by the Elections Department and have 3-5 days after an election to confirm their signature.

5 ONLY VERIFIED BALLOTS ARE COUNTED

Once the signature is verified on the affidavit envelope, it is opened by a bipartisan board and sent to be counted. All uncounted ballots are tracked and reported in the official canvass for each election.

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