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Important Warning Issued by Pima County Recorder!!! Did You Give Your Voter Form to a Total Stranger?

Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez is asking everyone who received a new voter identification card in the past three months to review the card carefully. You should pay particular attention to the political party designation. The Recorder's Office has received complaints from several voters who recently registered to vote through a paid circulator group known as Petition Partners based in Scottsdale, Arizona that has been operating in Pima County. These voters have reported that the political party designation they originally selected was apparently changed on the voter registration form before those completed forms were submitted to the Recorder's Office for processing.

The Recorder's Office has also received dozens of voter registration forms from Petition Partners that were incomplete, contained invalid addresses, were not legible or had other problems that resulted in the forms not being processed. The Recorder's Office has attempted to contact these voters by phone and by mail. However, we have not been able to reach voters whose registration forms contain invalid addresses. If you registered to vote within the past three months as part of a petition or voter registration drive and you have not received a voter registration identification card from the Recorder's Office, you should contact the Pima County Recorder's office at 740-4330.

Pima County Recorder, F. Ann Rodriguez, would like to warn citizens that when you register to vote, **DO NOT** allow anyone else to have your completed voter registration form

other than the U.S. Post Office or someone that you personally know and trust. Completed voter registration forms contain a great deal of personal information regarding each voter, particularly when they include the proof of citizenship required by state law. There is a high risk of identity theft when the forms are not promptly transmitted to the Recorder's Office.

"There are legitimate organizations and representatives from campaigns and civic groups who want to help citizens to register to vote and will offer to mail or transmit your voter registration form for you," stated Ms. Rodriguez. "However, there are some groups that have not been forthcoming and are creating problems with citizens' voter registration forms. Make sure that the group is a known reputable organization or mail your voter registration form yourself."

State law does not allow a Recorder to regulate or control organizations or individuals registering people to vote. These individuals do not work for the Recorder's Office. "Our only recourse is to warn voters of potential problems when we see them happening," stated Rodriguez.

The best way to return your completed voter registration form is to mail it yourself through the U.S. Postal Service. All registration forms are pre-addressed to the Recorder's Office. You may also drop it off at either of the Recorder's Office locations:

Downtown Office
Old Courthouse Building
115 North Church Avenue

Eastside Office
Gaslight Theater Complex
6920 East Broadway Boulevard, Suite D

Voters with an Arizona driver's license or an identification card issued by the Motor Vehicle Division after October 1, 1996, can register to vote or submit changes to your voter registration online at the MVD website, www.servicearizona.com. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The MVD will transmit the form to the Recorder's Office electronically on the next business day.

"This is a 'Stranger Danger' warning," stated Ms. Rodriguez. "Don't risk your vote or your identity, to someone you don't know."