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MORE THAN 11,000 NEW VOTERS IN PIMA COUNTY

More than 14,000 voters changed political affiliation

In the first 7 weeks of this year, 11,433 people registered as new voters in Pima County. The new voters registered between January 1, 2020, and February 18, 2020, which was the Democratic Presidential Preference Election (PPE) registration deadline. The PPE will be held on March 17, 2020, and is the first of three elections in Pima County this year. Candidates for the PPE, Primary Election, and General Election generated enthusiasm for many organizations beyond the political parties.

Organizations and parties sent field workers and volunteers to public events, colleges and universities, and even into neighborhoods, knocking on doors and filling out voter registration forms. The Recorder's Office received stacks of these forms leading up to the Presidential Preference Election registration deadline on February 18, 2020. Table 1 below shows the distribution of newly registered voters.

Table 1

Party	Total
DEMOCRAT	4,748
GREEN	7
LIBERTARIAN	83
OTHER	4,094
REPUBLICAN	2,501

11,433

In addition, thousands of voters switched political affiliation this year. Only Democrats are permitted to vote in the Democratic PPE, and almost 9,000 switched from “other” (which is the category for self-identified “independents”) to the Democratic Party. On the other hand, voters also switched from “other” to Republican, and from Democrat to Republican. Table 2 below shows the numbers of people switching from one category to another.

Table 2

Old Party	Change To Party	Total
GRN	DEM	201
LBT	DEM	154
OTH	DEM	8,756
REP	DEM	1,528
DEM	GRN	5
OTH	GRN	5
REP	GRN	1
DEM	LBT	19
OTH	LBT	87
REP	LBT	34
DEM	OTH	818
GRN	OTH	12
LBT	OTH	79
REP	OTH	646
DEM	REP	475
GRN	REP	3
LBT	REP	53
OTH	REP	1,317

14,193

“We are excited to see new voters registered,” says Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez. “Even after the Presidential Preference Election registration cut-off date, organizations continue to bring us completed voter registration forms, and people also use the www.ServiceArizona.com to register, or update information like new address or new party.” Individuals may also register using forms available at all public libraries, post offices, and at the Recorder’s offices downtown at 240 N. Stone Ave, and east side at 6920 E. Broadway. Voters may call the Recorder’s Office with questions, 520-724-4330 or go to www.recorder.pima.gov.

