

February 24, 2012

8th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ARIZONA VOTERS, REQUEST YOUR BALLOT FOR THE APRIL 17 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

On Tuesday, April 17, 2012 Arizona will hold a special primary election for the 8th Congressional District to fill the seat vacated by Representative Gabrielle Giffords. The 8th Congressional District includes the following counties: Cochise, Pima, Pinal, and Santa Cruz.

Voting Assistance Officers should contact Arizona voters from the 8th Congressional District and inform them of this news release and assist them in requesting and returning their absentee ballot.

Register to Vote and Request Your Ballot Now!

To vote in this election you must register by submitting a post-marked Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) by April 17, 2012. Arizona also allows you to email or fax the FPCA. You can register, request, and receive a ballot online using Arizona's online registration tool found at: <u>http://www.azsos.gov/election/Military.htm</u>.

Your local Arizona Elections Office must receive your FPCA by April 17, 2012. **Go to <u>FVAP.gov</u> and get started! It only takes a few minutes**! Alternately, you may obtain an FPCA from your unit or installation voting assistance officer and at U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide; but you must follow the Arizona instructions given at <u>FVAP.gov</u>. Indicate on the FPCA how you would like to receive your absentee ballot, by mail, email, or fax. You will not receive a ballot automatically, even if you voted in the November 2, 2010 general election.

If you are registering in person, the deadline to register is April 17, 2012.

If you are already registered to vote, the deadline for submitting an FPCA to request a ballot is April 17, 2012.

Send the FPCA by Email, Fax, or Mail

If you choose to **email** your FPCA, you should send the form to the email address listed below for the correct county office where you reside in the 8th Congressional District. If you choose to **fax** your FPCA, fax the form to the fax number listed below for the correct county office where you reside. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in the Voting Assistance Guide, or at the <u>FVAP web portal</u>, and fax to: (703)-693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found here. Voter Alert Telephone: 703-588-1584 E-mail: vote@fvap.gov.

Submit your FPCA to the District 8 election office in which you reside:

Cochise County Recorder's Office 1415 W. Melody Lane, Building B

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Bisbee, AZ 856036 Fax: 520-432-8368 Email: recorder@cochise.az.gov

Pima County Recorder's Office PO Box 3145 Tucson, AZ 85702-3145 Fax: 520-623-1785 Email: <u>recorder@recorder.pima.gov</u>

Pinal County Recorder's Office PO Box 848 Florence, AZ 85132 Fax 520-866-6872 Email: recorder@co.pinal.az.us

Santa Cruz Recorder's Office 2150 N. Congress Drive Nogales, AZ 85621-1090 Fax: 520-375-7996 Email: ssainz@co.santa-cruz.az.us

Receive Your Ballot

Ballots will be mailed and emailed to you beginning March 3, 2012.

Vote Your Ballot

Your voted ballot must be received by the County Recorder by 7:00 p.m. MST, April 17, 2012 in order to be counted.

You can return your voted ballot and signed affidavit <u>online</u> or by regular mail, email, or fax.

Civilians residing outside the U.S.: Contact your closest U.S. Embassy or consulate for specific instructions on how voted ballots, with proper domestic postage attached, can be returned to the United States from any U.S. embassy or consulate. Locate your <u>nearest U.S. embassy or consulate here</u>.

If a voter is concerned about not receiving their ballot in time to vote, they may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB, SF-186). The FWAB instructions are available at <u>FVAP.gov</u>. The FWAB is also available in embassies, consulates, and military installations around the world.

To check the status of your absentee ballot visit: <u>https://voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/Home.do</u>



Additional Information

State specific information on precincts, candidates, elections, and voting is available at the <u>Arizona Elections website</u>.

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If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process please go to the <u>FVAP.gov</u> web portal or call FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584). Email <u>vote@fvap.gov</u> and don't forget to "like" us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP</u> and follow <u>@FVAP</u> on Twitter for election updates throughout 2012.