

Give Voters The Information: Provide Ballot Tracking Statewide

The Fontes Administration will work to enact statewide ballot tracking across the State of Arizona.

County election offices have the capacity to track ballots and notify residents of when their ballots have been mailed and received. This data is already reflected and available on the Secretary of State’s website – and which every county already has.

Arizonans like knowing where their ballots are. People like getting notifications on their phone or via email that their ballot has been sent, received and counted. If there is an issue with a ballot, they like being informed immediately so they can remedy the situation.

Once a ballot is printed, counties trace it as it is processed by the postal service and enters the outbound mail, preparing to be shipped to the voter’s residence. Once a voter receives the ballot and sends it back, the county can trace the ballot as it reaches the election office, and has been accepted for counting. If there is an issue with the voter’s signature, they will be notified via the opt-in process and will be notified as to how to remedy the situation.

At each stage, voters can opt to receive real-time messaging. Messages arrive in the form of text push notifications, emails, or voice alerts, depending on which option a voter has chosen.

This program was introduced into Maricopa County by Adrian Fontes when he served as the County Recorder and it will work statewide.

Ballot tracking is an incredibly positive, pro-voter, customer service ability that each county already has. It’s common sense and simple, and pushing that data to voters is not complicated or expensive.

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