

Notice: Return your ballot before October 16, 2019

We strongly recommend you to return your ballot electronically to ensure election officials get it in time.

Your ballot must arrive in Santa Cruz County by 7:00PM MST on November 5, 2019 to be counted.

The U.S. has announced it may pull out of Universal Postal Union (UPU). If we do, there will be no agreement for mail to be delivered to or from our country to any other country after October 16, 2019. This means the U.S. will have to negotiate postal rates with 191 countries individually.

A meeting on September 24th - 26th will determine what happens. Although the U.S. Postal Service and others have been working on contingency plans, those plans are unlikely to be in place in time for you to return your ballot by standard mail in time for the November 5, 2019 Election.

Options for Returning your Ballot

- **UOCAVA web portal: (Recommended)**
 1. Scan or image your ballot packet with your **signed** Affidavit envelope first and then your voted ballot page(s). If you do not have a scanner, you can take a picture of your ballot packet pages with a digital camera or smart phone. We recommend you save your ballot packet as a PDF, GIF, JPG, JPEG or PNG file. Please review images to make sure each is readable.
 2. You must first request to register and/or request a ballot or replacement ballot here: <https://apps.azsos.gov/apps/election/election/Military/RegisterVoter2.aspx>
 3. Upload your ballot packet as an attachment to: <https://apps.azsos.gov/apps/election/election/Military/VoterLogin.aspx>. We are unable to accept links for websites to access your ballot packet.
- Fax your ballot to 520-375-7996 or email to: lgonzalez@santacruzcountyaz.gov
- International postal mail, if it is generally reliable where you are. **Must be mailed in time to arrive to the U.S. by October 16.**
- Military Post Offices: APO and FPO mail for members of the military on bases will still operate after October 16. Check with your installation for recommended dates to make sure your ballot gets back to the US in time.
- Diplomatic pouches at embassies and consulates (check your embassy/consulate website for additional information or see USEmbassy.gov to find your closest one.)
- Mailing Options: **After October 16**, private mail carriers may be available for an added cost or there may be individual agreements with some countries for mail delivery. Check FVAP.gov/UPU for more information.

Information and options for returning your ballot: FVAP.gov/UPU

Election and ballot information: <https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/287/Recorder>