

SUBJECT: ADOT application form - voter registration

From: Tom Ryan, EIC Commissioner

To: Chris Roads, Chief Deputy Recorder/Registrar of Voter, Pima County Recorder's Office

Hi Chris,

At our last EIC meeting, we discussed the ADOT voter registration form and I noticed that the part of the form that asks about voter registration is unchanged from what it was back when we discussed the form with you at one of our meetings. At that time, you were pushing a recommendation to modify the form to make it less ambiguous and hopefully to reduce voter registration errors.

I take it ADOT rejected that recommendation? Or the recommendation was never actually made?

Would just like a status update. The form, as it stands, is a problem.

Thanks,

Tom

RESPONSE:

From: Chris Roads, Chief Deputy Recorder/Registrar of Voter, Pima County Recorder's Office

To: Tom Ryan, EIC Commissioner

Secretary of State staff, Maricopa Staff and Pima Staff met with DOT staff in July. They agreed to make a slight modification of the form. We had asked that the voter registration questions be broken into three different questions: Are you a citizen of the US? Do you wish to register to vote? Specify your party preference?

DOT informed us that there was not sufficient room on the form for three questions. The remedy they decided on was to flip the first question.

Old forms show the first question as: Are you a United States citizen and do you wish to register to vote?

The new question will be: Do you wish to register to vote and are you a United States citizen?

With training and printing issues, they expected to implement the new forms statewide starting in October and full implementation in December.

DOT is in the process of a complete upgrade of their computer system. As part of the upgrade the customers will be more hands on than currently. Currently the customer fills in a paper form and a customer service agent conducts the entry into the computer and then either reads it back to the customer or rotates the screen for the customer to review.

With the new system the customer who is able, will enter the data into the computer system on a keyboard in the customer area. The customer service agent will then review the information with

the customer and save it into the computer system.

They are working on deploying that new system in either 2018 or 2019 as extensive training will be required. DOT expects that system will take most of the agents out of the data entry and therefore place the burden on the customer for reviewing the forms correctly.

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