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***Hospitals Helping Arizonans Vote:
Frequently Asked Questions
About Voting & Elections***

Q: Who may vote?

A: To register to vote in Arizona you must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state, have been born on or before Nov. 2, 1992, not be a convicted felon (or have had your civil rights restored) and have not been judged incompetent according to state law.

Q: How do I register to vote?

A: You must complete a voter registration form by Oct. 4 in order to vote in the General Election on Nov. 2. Forms are available at U.S. post offices, Division of Motor Vehicle offices, your county elections office and many public libraries. For information, you may also contact the following:

- www.servicearizona.com;
- www.azsos.gov (EZ Voter); or
- 1-877-THE-VOTE (1-877-843-8683) press 4.

Q: When am I required to register to vote?

A: You must register to vote if this is your first time voting, if you have moved from one residence to another, changed your name or changed your political party.

Q: What is the deadline to register to vote?

A: Voter registration is open until midnight on Oct. 4, 2010.

Q: When am I officially registered to vote?

A: You are officially registered to vote when your registration form is completed and mailed to your county elections department, on or before Oct. 4 at midnight. You should keep the registration form confirmation.

Q: What is early voting?

A: Early voting is the process by which voters may vote on a single or series of days prior to an election. Early voting may take place remotely, such as by mail, or in person, usually in designated early voting polling stations. Get information for your county by visiting:

<http://www.azsos.gov/election/county.htm>

Q: When is the General Election?

A: The General Election takes place Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Q: Where do I vote on Election Day?

A: Your voting place is listed on the mailing label of the sample ballot that you should receive by mail 11 days before the election. If in doubt, check with your county elections office. Get information for your county by visiting:

<http://www.azsos.gov/election/county.htm>

Q: When is the polling place open on Election Day?

A: Polling places are open from 6 am to 7 pm on Election Day.

Q: Is a voter ID required to vote in Arizona?

A: Yes.

Q: Is Election Day an officially recognized holiday in Arizona, are schools closed in Arizona on Election Day and are Arizona employees given time off work to vote on Election Day?

A: No. However, polls are open for 13 hours on Election Day in an effort to give everyone time to get to their polling place.

Q: I've heard people say that one vote can make a difference. Can you give an example of when that was true?

A: One vote can and often does make a difference in the outcome of an election. Here are some examples of elections decided by one vote.

- In 1997, a Vermont State representative Sydney Nixon was seated as an apparent one vote winner, 570 to 569. Nixon resigned when the State House determined, after a recount, that he had actually lost to his opponent 572 to 571.
- In 1989, a Lansing, Michigan School District proposition failed when the final recount produced a tie vote 5,147 in favor of the proposition, and 5,147 against. On the original vote count, votes against the proposition were 10 more than those in favor. The result meant that the school district had to reduce its budget by \$2.5 million.
- In 1994, Republican Randall Luthi and Independent Larry Call each received 1,941 votes for a seat in the Wyoming House of Representatives. A recount produced the same result. Luthi was finally declared the winner when, in a drawing before the State Canvassing Board, a ping pong ball bearing his name was pulled from the cowboy hat of Governor Mike Sullivan.

Sources: Arizona Secretary of State, Federal Election Commission and Helping Americans Vote.org.