



★ Hospitals Helping Arizonans Vote ★

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

*The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AzHHA) is providing the following **sample newsletter** article for your organization to publish in its community, employee, medical staff and volunteer newsletter(s) as well as to post on your organization's Web site. Feel free to use this and other communications tools AzHHA has created, including the county-specific fliers, implementation ideas and newsletter articles. All materials provide the opportunity for hospitals to individualize to their organizations and counties.*

Recommended Timing: *Publish before Aug 4 in order to publish the complete article. If the article is published later, remove the reference to the Aug. 4 voter registration deadline on page two of this document.*

Hospitals Helping Arizonans Vote Has Our Backing!

Hospitals are filled with employees, volunteers and others whose busy schedules make it difficult to vote on Election Day. [Insert Organization's Name] wants to encourage all members of the hospital family to make their voices heard on Sept. 2 (Primary Election) and Nov. 4 (General Election). That's why we are partnering with the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AzHHA), American Hospital Association (AHA) and hospitals/health systems throughout the state to participate in *Hospitals Helping Arizonans Vote*, a localized version of the AHA's *Hospitals Helping Americans Vote*. This get-out-the-vote initiative encourages hospital employees and others to vote on Election Day and informs busy healthcare professionals about early voting options.

"Early voting is a convenient process that can help you cast your ballot in this important election," said [Insert Name & Title of Organization's CEO]. "I encourage everyone to exercise their fundamental right to vote because every vote really does count."

Hospitals Helping Arizonans Vote is part of a broad-based, non-partisan national voter turnout effort involving many organizations. By logging on to <http://hospitals.helpingamericansvote.org/>, hospital employees, volunteers, medical staff and patients may learn how to:

- register to vote;
- vote by early ballot; and
- download the necessary documents.

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Key dates for the 2008 Arizona Primary Election include:

- July 31, early voting begins;
- Aug. 4, last date to register to vote;
- Aug. 22, last date to request an early ballot; and
- Sept. 2, Primary Election Day.

Important dates for the 2008 General Election include:

- Oct. 2, early voting begins;
- Oct. 6, last date to register to vote;
- Oct. 24, last date to request an early ballot; and
- Nov. 4, General Election Day.

For those not registered to vote, there are many different ways to do so before the Aug. 4 deadline:

- online at www.servicearizona.com;
- online at (EZ Voter) www.azsos.gov; or
- via phone at 602-506-1511.

You also may visit:

- the County Recorder's Office (location and contact information available at www.azsos.gov). Upon completion, the form may be hand delivered and/or mailed to the appropriate County Recorder's Office;
- city or town clerk's office;
- public libraries; or
- U.S. post offices.

For more information about registering to vote, call the Arizona Voter Registration Hotline at 1-877-THE-VOTE (1-877-843-8683) and press 4 for voter information.

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