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Attention voters in Precinct 36 – Pueblo Del Sol / NOTICE OF ERROR:

Katie Howard, Cochise County Elections Director is hereby advising all voters living in the Pueblo Del Sol (Precinct 36) in Sierra Vista that the ballots mailed to them do not contain the City of Sierra Vista City Council races on them, as they should. The omission was reported today to the County Recorder's Office by vigilant voters who have already received their Early Ballot in the mail. 494 voters were mailed the ballots that do not contain the city races.

When the problem came to light mid-day Friday, the County Elections Department and the County Recorders' staff each independently verified that all other city races were included on all the ballots that should contain a city race. The PDS Precinct 36 was the only omission.

A new data file will be sent to the printers on Monday as well as a new programming file for the Precinct 36 ballot style for each party, and the non-partisan "City-only" ballot style. The printer will return proofs to the County for review on Tuesday morning and will print replacement ballots by Tuesday afternoon. Replacement ballots should be in the mail by Wednesday. A new Affidavit envelope will be included with the replacement ballot with the words "Replacement Ballot" in red on the reverse top right-hand side (opposite where the voter signs the Affidavit-see attached).

If a voter in Precinct 36 has already returned the incorrect ballot, they may vote the replacement ballot and return it in the new Affidavit envelope to have it counted. The initial ballot returned by the voter (without the city races) will be disregarded IF a replacement ballot is received.

Ms. Howard apologized for her error and in researching the matter to confirm this was the only problem, she has identified procedures to prevent it from recurring. Ms. Howard will be discussing this situation and future preventive measures with the Cochise County Board of Supervisors at a Work Session on Monday, August 15, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Katie Howard at khoward@cochise.az.gov or by phone at 520-432-8975.

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