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## **A Message from the Santa Cruz County Superintendent**

Our Santa Cruz County teachers continue to demonstrate that they are among the very best. They continue to serve our students regardless of the challenges and do so with excellence. Over the years, our teachers have pushed themselves to learn new and innovative ways to reach students and raise achievement scores. They work hard to support our students at all levels and to provide supportive yet rigorous instruction for all learners. I want to thank you for doing the most important work of all which is educating our next generation. Most of all, thank you for everything you have done and will continue to do to create a better future for our students. There is no other profession that so directly shapes the world of tomorrow.

Thank you for teaching, the hard work and energy you put into your job.  
"Thank you for your commitment, dedication and passion during this difficult time.  
It is greatly appreciated.



**Alfredo I. Velásquez**  
**Santa Cruz County School Superintendent**  
**&**  
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**2150 N. Congress Dr. #107**  
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Our goal is to help connect Santa Cruz County. Santa Cruz County is a unique bordertown rich in culture, and traditions. We are here to support our community. Please send us any information on any upcoming community events, meetings, or conferences. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, YouTube or Twitter for the latest events, people, and organizations who make a difference in Santa Cruz County.

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# End of the journey is the beginning of another

*The journey appears to be finally coming to an end, it has been 53 years of working in public service for Sheriff Tony Estrada. In just a couple months, a new sheriff will be elected into office. The transition will not be easy for Santa Cruz County as for years Sheriff Tony Estrada has been the chief law enforcement for our county. For years, the people of Santa Cruz County have been supporting him.*

*Sheriff Tony Estrada will be missed. From time and time again, he has displayed compassion, integrity, dedication, commitment and a deep passion for the office of the sheriff. He has always been an advocate for our border town even when it wasn't politically correct. He has fought for the common good. He has always proven to be a diplomat, not a politician.*

*"Working for Santa Cruz County in public service is special for several reasons as an elected constitutional sheriff it gave me a strong voice to represent and support the law enforcement profession. It has been challenging at times working with elected county officials, yet it has been deeply rewarding in the past 28 years-an experience to say the least."*

*"I will miss my camaraderie with law enforcement and public safety professionals at 3 levels of government including Mexico. I will deeply miss my law enforcement family, community, hosting college students, human rights advocates, and professionals from all over the world through the State Department. I will miss my working relationships with 14 county sheriffs in Arizona and throughout the nation."*

*"I wish my successor the best of luck. I would like to ask the community to be supportive of him. Our leaders not only shape our nations, but our communities too. We need a good leader to help guide us and make the essential large-scale decisions that keep our community moving."*

*"My recommendation for my successor is to be an ambassador for the profession. It is a tremendous responsibility as the chief law enforcement of this county. Be a leader, and a mentor to your staff. Treat your employees with fairness and respect. Listen to their voice. Hold them accountable. Always fight for the common good as we are now facing unprecedented times. My journey has been filled with lessons, hardships, heartaches, joys, celebrations and special moments which have ultimately led me to my destination. Farewell to my beloved law enforcement family, stay safe, stay healthy-God Bless you all and thank you I am forever grateful for your support," said Sheriff Tony Estrada.*

## A message from the Santa Cruz Sheriff DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT IT!



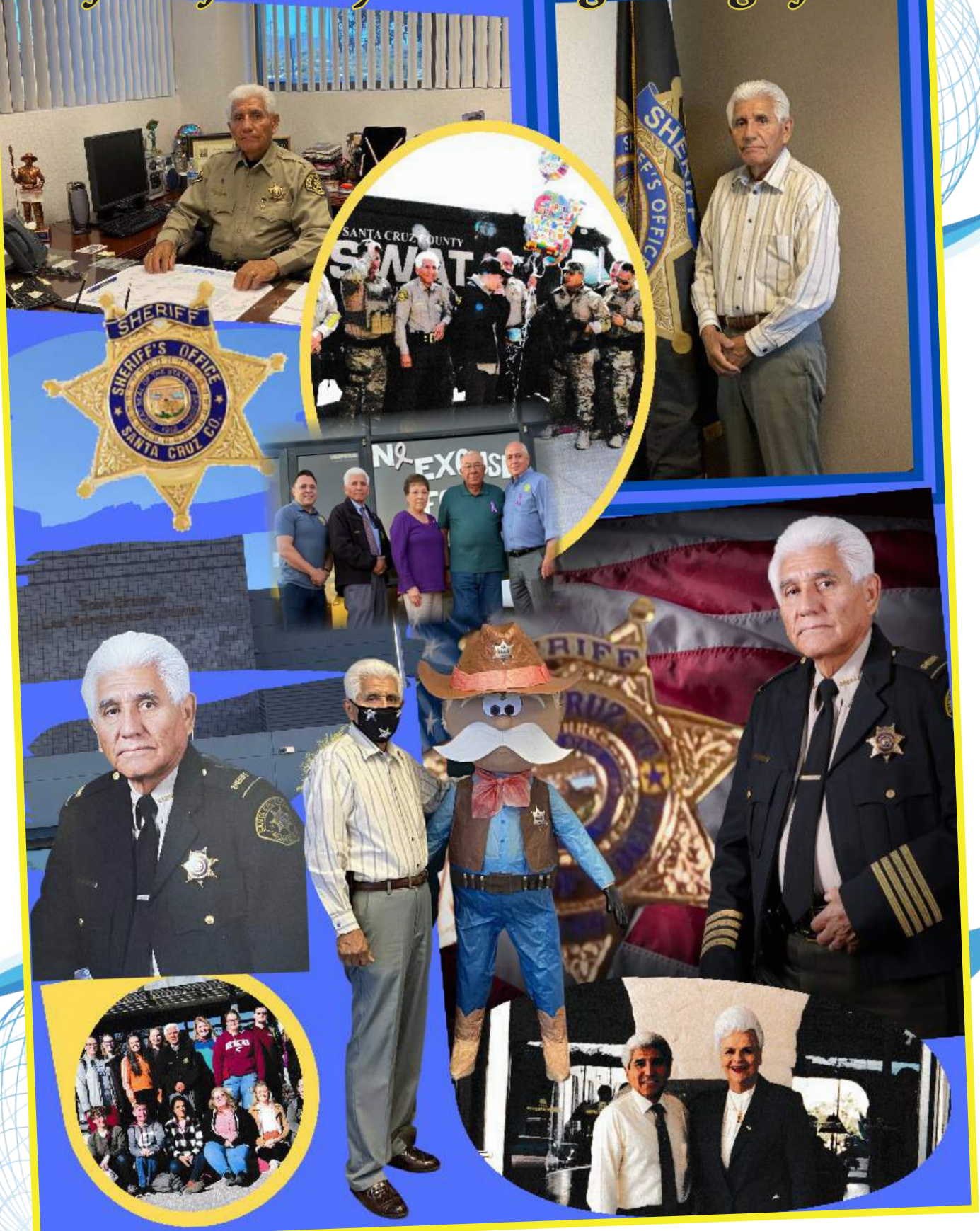
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*53 Years of Public Service*



# A Pioneer of Education

Our Santa Cruz County Superintendent Alfredo I. Velásquez has a passion to provide every student the opportunity to succeed academically, while preparing them for the challenges and opportunities life brings. He is a pioneer of education and brings a passion and dedication to everything he has done throughout his career. It is no surprise he was recently awarded by Southern Arizona Association for the Educator of Young Children Award (SAZAEYC) for his work in strengthening connections between families, educators, and community.

On September 4th at 11:00 a.m. at the old courthouse SAZAEYC presented him with the award in recognition for his service, advocacy, and commitment to young children, students, families, teachers and the community. Recipients of the award are individuals who go above and beyond their call of duty. Alfredo I. Velásquez has been a visionary leader who is clear about what he believes our students need to be successful. He is dedicated to enhancing educational programs across Santa Cruz County. His efforts provide a good picture of his vision for Santa Cruz County Schools. His passion for education, humility, love of kids, and willingness to work collaboratively are what makes him uniquely qualified.

"I am truly honored and humbled to be the recipient of the Southern Arizona Association for Education of Young Children Award. I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the U of A Cooperative Extension Program Director for the Family Resource Centers in Santa Cruz County, Ms. Jennifer Argyos. I also would like to thank First Things First Regional Director Mr. Francisco Padilla, Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Chief Deputy Mr. Chris Young and the Los Padres Staff for embracing the Early Childhood Education initiative through our office.

I have been blessed to have the opportunity to work with our Pre-School Educational Community and recognize the great work they are doing in preparing our young children with the essential tools and life skills to become successful lifelong learners. Our Early Childhood Education continues to prosper in our County because of the commitment and dedication of our educational leaders, staff, and home educators that have undertaken this responsibility to make sure even through this difficult time that educational opportunities for our young population is available to all families in Santa Cruz County," stated Velásquez.

**"I look forward to our continued partnership with our Pre-School Educational Community and providing the necessary resources and awareness for Early Childhood Education in Santa Cruz County," said Velásquez.**

According to the 2020 SAZAEYC Board, "Mr. Velásquez played a critical role in supporting the creation of safe and supportive learning environments for all students. He achieved this by working closely with school district superintendents, universities, Arizona@Work, training programs, and college educators to set the overarching academic goals for the county's K-12 public education system while supporting specific efforts to help students achieve those aims."

"Alfredo I. Velásquez is committed to partnering with districts and other organizations to create a network of support that propel our students to achieve and thrive. It is with great honor that we continue to celebrate Alfredo I. Velásquez for his dedication and

commitment to young children. Those that know him, know Mr. Velasquez is more than deserving of our most honorable award," said SAZAEYC Board.



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# Health experts urge community: Don't delay care

**Your health can't wait, don't become a 'hidden tragedy of the pandemic.**

**Recent studies report that a significant number of people continue to delay healthcare during the pandemic, whether it is putting off annual screenings and wellness exams or seeking care in an emergency.**

**Millions of people suffer from chronic diseases like diabetes, asthma and hypertension that do best with regular monitoring and treatment to help keep the disease from getting worse.**

**And people are still affected by stroke, heart attack and other emergencies, despite the pandemic. Seeking care for these and other serious health concerns could prevent worsening illness.**

**Hospitals and doctors' offices continue to care for both non-COVID and COVID patients. Safety precautions are in place to help ensure that care can be provided when care is needed.**

**"Our community should be reassured that hospitals and ERs are safe places in the event of an emergency," said Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital CEO Debra Knapheide. "The key is to not delay care if you or a loved one have symptoms that are best evaluated in an emergency room. Call 911 if you think a heart attack or stroke is suspected."**

**The American Medical Association (AMA) calls the degree to which people have put off treatments for serious health conditions "one of the hidden tragedies of the pandemic" and warns that delaying care because of fear of COVID-19 can result in poor outcomes or even death.**

**A survey on behalf of the American College of Emergency Physicians found that nearly a third of people in the U.S. had postponed routine care during the pandemic. A study reported in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology found that visits to emergency departments dropped by 38 percent. And a survey from the Kaiser Foundation reported that 48 percent of Americans have a family member who has delayed care during the pandemic.**

**Of particular concern are those who suffer from heart disease, or coronary artery disease. This disease is leading cause of death in the U.S., accounting for over 600,000 deaths annually or 1 in every 4 deaths. If you have missed, or are behind schedule for an important screening, you should not delay rescheduling these procedures.**

**"We are here for our community as we were before COVID, and want to make sure you receive safe, compassionate care," said Knapheide, who holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Nursing.**





*“Outcomes improve with early intervention, so please do not delay if you think something may be serious or should be assessed by a physician.”*

*Carondelet COVID SAFETY standards are built upon deep clinical expertise and ongoing management of COVID-19, as well as continuous incorporation of CDC, CMS and state recommendations. They are a rigorous combination of infection prevention processes, training, testing, personal protective equipment and technology. Standards include the following components:*

- *Different care pathways with COVID and non-COVID patients*
- *Rigorous physician and staff protocols – daily screening, universal masking and access to PPE*
- *Heightened sanitization – enhanced cleaning of surfaces and plenty of hand sanitization stations*
- *Access to COVID-19 testing – in-house, rapid testing for patients, physicians and staff who require it*
- *Precautions for patients and visitors – provision of facemasks, hand sanitizer and physical distancing*

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# Mayor's Corner



## COVID Update:

Dear Friends,

**It makes me very happy to report that in the past month, the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in our community, and the state, have dropped drastically. I believe the drop is attributed to both the wearing of face coverings and social distancing. Hopefully, we stay on this path so that all local businesses affected by this can re-open soon. We need to continue taking care of ourselves, our families, and our community. Let's all keep doing the best we can. Thank you!**

## September 11th

### Remembrance:

**City Council, city directors and staff all accompanied my wife and myself as we held a moment of silence in remembrance and honor of all the victims of 9/11. Due to COVID we were unable to hold a larger ceremony, like we've done in the past, but it was still very important to me that we remember all the lives lost and everybody affected.**



## Taking a stand against domestic violence

In 1990, Arizona voters passed an initiative creating the Arizona Victims' Bill of Rights. The Victims' Bill of Rights in Arizona was intended to reestablish the important and central role of victims, to humanize and individualize the victims of crime and to recognize that victims also have rights to fair treatment and due process in criminal proceedings. Since 1990, the Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office has had some sort of Victim Services Division. The Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office currently has Victim Advocates, a Crime Victim Notification Specialist, and a Victim Compensation Coordinator to provide seamless services to our victims. We also have a Criminal Investigations Division with Detectives assigned to provide law enforcement and protection services to victims of crime. With all divisions working in unison, the County Attorney's Office strives to provide quality representation and services to victims of crime to empower victims and assist with their healing and process of becoming whole once again.

Over the years, the Victim Services Division has added personnel to provide services to victims of crime in a timely and efficient manner. Moreover, the addition of a Criminal Investigations Division has allowed the County Attorney to provide much needed victim and witness protection services to victims of crime.

Unfortunately, the number of reported domestic violence cases to date have remained similar to last year's number. More cases are being reported in Santa Cruz County because of the increased DV awareness programs in our community. We have many groups and organizations that devote a great deal of time to domestic violence and family issues.

Not only do we have support services for victims and families, but we also provide awareness to our youth in our schools. We regularly see children reporting acts of domestic violence to law enforcement even when their own parents or family members are committing these acts.

Our services continue to be available by phone or video chat. If we can meet with victims face to face, we continue to provide in person services. Our Victim Advocates and Victim Compensation programs continue to serve victims. Although services may be slightly delayed, the County Attorney's Office continues to provide quality services to victims of crime. I strongly encourage families to get help. They can contact our office at 520-375-7780 and request to speak to our Victim Services Division. We can provide funding for counseling and medical services. We can work with victim to establish safety plans. We can also refer victims to other organizations in our community for assistance. The important advice is to seek help. If you are faced with a situation that requires law enforcement intervention, you should dial 911.

The Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office will continue working with community partners to provide Domestic Violence Awareness and services to victims of crime. Domestic Violence is a societal problem that must be addressed by working with other organizations and building strong relationships with these organizations. By empowering ourselves and the organizations that we work with, we are able to empower victims of crime and give them the tools to transform into survivors.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month





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# Community-Driven

## All We Need Is You

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We Virtually Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month



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Community Alliance



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Contact Tony Bruno at (520) 310-7712 or (en Espanol) Lorelin Ahumada (520) 909-1146



# OFFICIAL VOTING SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION 2020 GENERAL ELECTION-TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2020



SUZANNE "Suzie" SAINZ  
Santa Cruz County Recorder  
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Phone: (520) 375-7924

## GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2020

**Monday, October 05, 2020: Last day to register to vote for General Election!**

Requests for Early Ballots/Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL) now being accepted through Friday, October 23, 2020

Wednesday, October 07, 2020: First Day of Early Voting/Early Ballots Mailed  
Friday, October 23, 2020: Deadline to Request an Early Ballot/PEVL by Mail list  
Friday, October 30, 2020: Day for Early Voting at the Recorder's Office  
Tuesday, November 03, 2020: ELECTION DAY!

**You must re-register to vote for the following reasons:**

- You have moved, change of name, address, phone number or change of political party

**Qualifications to register to vote:**

- You became a U.S. Citizen
- You became a resident of Santa Cruz County 29 days or more before an election
- Will be 18 years of age or more on or before the day of the next election
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## ELECCIÓN GENERAL - MARTES, 03 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2020

**Lunes, 05 de octubre del 2020: último día para registrarse para votar para la elección general**

Solicitudes de boletas anticipada/Lista de Votación Anticipada Permanente (PEVL) se están aceptando hasta viernes, 23 de octubre del 2020

Miércoles, 07 de octubre del 2020: Votación anticipada estará disponible/envío de boletas  
Viernes, 23 de octubre del 2020: Último día para solicitar una boleta anticipada/PEVL por correo  
Viernes, 30 de octubre del 2020: Último día para votar por anticipado en la Oficina del Registro Público  
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## GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2020

### Early Voting Sites

All early voting sites will follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines for social distancing and disinfecting procedures.

October 07 thru October 30, 2020: Santa Cruz County Recorder's Office, 2150 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ  
From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10, 2020: Santa Cruz County Recorder's Office, 2150 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ  
From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17, 2020: Tubac Community Center, 50 Bridge Rd., Tubac, AZ  
From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17, 2020: Rio Rico Public Library, 275 Rio Rico Dr., Rio Rico, AZ  
From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 24, 2020: Patagonia Town Hall, 310 McKeown Avenue, Patagonia, AZ  
From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 24, 2020: Sonoita Library- County Complex Building, 3147 Hwy-83, Sonoita, AZ  
From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Early ballot drop off at any Early Voting Site Listed or at our office until Tuesday, November 03, 2020 or at any voting center on Election Day before 7:00 p.m.*

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## ELECCIÓN GENERAL - MARTES, 03 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2020

### Sitios De Votación Anticipada

Todos los sitios de votación anticipada seguirán las guía de los Centros para el Control de Enfermedades para procedimientos de distanciamiento y desvinculación social.

07 de octubre hasta el 30 de octubre del 2020: La Oficina del Registro Público, 2150 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ  
de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Sábado, 10 de octubre del 2020: La Oficina del Registro Público, 2150 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ  
de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Sábado, 17 de octubre del 2020: Centro Comunitario de Tubac, 50 Bridge Rd., Tubac, AZ  
de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Sábado, 17 de octubre del 2020: Biblioteca Publico de Rio Rico, 275 Rio Rico Dr., Rio Rico, AZ  
de 2:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Sábado, 24 de octubre del 2020: Edificio Municipal de Patagonia, 310 McKeown Avenue, Patagonia, AZ  
de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Sábado, 24 de octubre del 2020: Biblioteca de Sonoita - Edificio del Complejo del Condado, 3147 Hwy-83, Sonoita, AZ  
de 2:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m.

*Entregue su boleto de votación anticipada en cualquiera de los sitios de votación anticipada enumerados o en nuestra oficina hasta martes, 03 de noviembre del 2020 en cualquier centro de votación el día de la elección antes de las 7:00 p.m.*

ASISTENCIA PARA VOTANTES: UNA JUNTA ELECTORAL ESPECIAL PUEDE SER ENVIADA A LA RESIDENCIA DEL ELECTOR SI ESTÁ ENFERMO O DESCAPACITADO PARA VOTAR. FAVOR DE CONTACTAR A NUESTRA OFICINA PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN AL (520) 375-7924.

MILITAR Y CIUDADANOS ESTADOUNIDENSES QUE VIVEN FUERA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS: INFORMACIÓN DISPONIBLE EN EL SITIO WEB. POR FAVOR CONTACTE A LA OFICINA DEL REGISTRO PÚBLICO PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN.



# **The Santa Cruz County Attorney reminds you to report violence**

## **Break the Cycle of Abuse**

### **Warning signs of abuse:**

- Your partner bullies, threatens, or controls you
  - Accuses you of having an affair
  - Blames you for abuse
  - Criticizes you
- Tells you what to wear and how you should look
  - Threatens to kill you or someone close to you
  - Throws things or punches walls when angry
    - Yells at you and makes you feel small
    - Your partner controls your money

**National Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-799-7233**

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**Every 9 seconds in the US a woman is assaulted or beaten**



## **You have the power!**

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