For release to all registered Arizona political candidates, political parties and special interest groups:

<u>INSTALLING POLITICAL SIGNS? BE SURE TO CALL 811 FIRST!!</u>

During these days leading up to the elections the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) Safety Division would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of following the requirements of the Arizona Underground Facilities Law commonly known as Blue Stake. In accordance with the law everyone who is going to be excavating within the state of Arizona must notify the one-call center (Arizona Blue Stake) at least two full working days prior to conducting any excavation activities including driving stakes into the ground to display political signs. By state definition; Excavation includes anytime a person is driving stakes and or post into the ground or digging holes (even with hand tools) to install posts for a sign.

Although utilities are typically buried at specific depths when originally installed, many factors may have impacted their current depths such as road grading and landscape activities over the years. Often times a buried line that may have been originally installed 12 or more inches below ground may now be just below the surface.

It would be tragic to have someone injured or possibly killed while exercising their political rights because they failed to follow the Arizona Blue Stake law. Please, before conducting any excavations, plan ahead and call the Arizona Blue Stake Center by simply dialing "**811**" from any phone.   It's easy, it will help you stay safe and it's **<u>FREE.</u>**

For more information concerning the Arizona Underground Facilities Law (Blue Stake) please visit the Arizona Corporation Commission web site at www.azcc.gov select Divisions then Safety then Pipeline Safety or visit the Arizona Blue Stake web site at www.azbluestake.com for more detailed information.
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<u>IT'S THE LAW, MAKE THE CALL</u>

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Know what's **below.**
Call before you dig.