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Riverside County
NEWS RELEASE

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Registrar hand-delivering 36 Rancho Mirage ballots after mailing vendor failed to send them

Because a mailing vendor for the county failed to send them, 36 ballots for today's Rancho Mirage election are being hand-delivered to residents this morning by the Registrar of Voters staff.

"It is important that we take extraordinary measures to correct this mistake and ensure every voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot," said Registrar of Voters Rebecca Spencer. The election is being conducted completely by mail, so there are no established polling places.

The registrar's staff will hand-deliver the ballots to homes as well as try to contact the 36 residents by phone and email. Spencer said that because the residents registered near the close of registration, they were among the last in the registrar's mailings for the election. The vendor missed them as it prepared for the June election. The vendor notified the Registrar's Office at 8:40 a.m. today (4/12) that it had forgotten to mail the ballots, and the vendor has confirmed that no other ballots were overlooked.

Spencer pointed out that provisional ballots are available today at the Rancho Mirage City Clerk's office for any voter who did not receive or who lost a vote-by-mail ballot. The City Clerk is issuing provisional ballots between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. today (4/12).