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Riverside County  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Some sample ballots still to be mailed; vote-by-mail ballots will go out after sample ballots**

Approximately 500,000 sample ballots and voter information pamphlets have been mailed to registered voters in Riverside County as of today (5/10), with 376,000 remaining to go out before the state's May 28 deadline.

The Riverside County Registrar of Voters had planned to mail all sample ballots by yesterday (May 9), but a long-time registrar's mailing vendor could not meet established timelines and did not provide notice of the issue until yesterday. In response, the remaining sample ballots will be transported tonight (5/10) to a Sacramento vendor that can complete the mailing on short notice.

"It's an unusual step but we must have certainty," said Registrar Rebecca Spencer. "We owe it to the voters."

To avoid confusion and to give voters a chance to familiarize themselves with candidate statements and ballot-measure materials, actual vote-by-mail ballots will be mailed after all sample-ballots have gone out. That will provide voters time to review sample-ballot material before actual ballots arrive, Spencer said.

However, for those who want to review the information now, sample ballots and voter information pamphlets already are available online at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net) and at the Registrar of Voters office.

Completed ballots must be received at the Registrar of Voters office or any polling place within Riverside County no later than the close of polls on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted. Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned through the postal service or deposited in vote-by-mail drop-off boxes at participating city clerks' offices. City clerk drop-off locations and hours of operation can be found on the registrar's website at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net).

A 24-hour drop box is available outside the main entrance of the registrar's office at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside. Vote-by-mail ballots also may be dropped off at any polling place within Riverside County before 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters have until May 31 to request a vote-by-mail ballot by completing the request form on the back of their sample ballot, or by using the application form on the Registrar of Voters website at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net). The request forms may be returned by mail or by facsimile to (951) 486-7272.

Early voting at the Registrar of Voters office began yesterday and continues Monday through Friday (excluding county holidays), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 28 and June 4. The registrar's office will be open to voters on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Early voting also will be offered May 27-29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Galleria at Tyler, 1299 Galleria at Tyler in Riverside; at Westfield Palm Desert, 72-840 Highway 111 in Palm Desert; and the Promenade in Temecula, 40820 Winchester Road.

If you have any questions about your eligibility to vote, please contact the registrar's office at (951) 486-7200.

Important information regarding the presidential primary election:

- Your voting right in the presidential primary depends on the political party in which you are registered. If you are registered with a political party, you can only vote for a candidate running for president in that party. A "No Party Preference" voter will automatically receive a non-partisan ballot, which will have no presidential candidates listed. However, upon request, a "No Party Preference" voter can instead receive a ballot to vote the presidential ballot of the following parties:
  - American Independent Party
  - Democratic Party
  - Libertarian Party

If you want to register, update your address or change your political party preference you must complete a voter registration application and submit it by May 23. You can register online at [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov) or request a paper application by calling (951) 486-7200.

- There are 34 U.S. senator candidates on the ballot. Look at your ballot carefully. Be sure to cast only one vote for U.S. Senator or your vote will not count.