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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

SUBJECT: MAIL BALLOT ELECTION / OFFICIAL BALLOT

Dear Voter:

Enclosed you will find your Official Ballot, voting instructions, and all other materials necessary to return your voted ballot for the May 12, 2020 Special Vacancy Mail Ballot Election. Since this is a mail ballot election, there are no established polling places. A postage-paid envelope is provided to conveniently return your ballot by mail.

- ✓ Please refer to the enclosed Voting Instructions sheet to properly complete and return your voted ballot. For a demonstration on marking your ballot visit www.voteinfo.net.
- ✓ Your voted ballot must be in the possession of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters office 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.
- ✓ You may also drop off your voted ballot at any participating Riverside County City Clerk's drop-off locations before Election Day. Please visit www.voteinfo.net for a list of participating locations and hours, or you may call our office at the numbers listed.
- ✓ You may verify that the Registrar of Voters office has received your voted ballot by checking the return status online at www.voteinfo.net.
- ✓ If you have changed your name or moved and have not re-registered at your current residence address, call us for further information at (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-8683. State law requires that your signature and current address must match your voter registration on file with our office.

If for any reason you are unable to vote the enclosed Official Ballot, you may vote at the Registrar of Voters office April 13 – May 12 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, by appointment only. Please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net for additional voting locations and information.

Thank you for your continued participation and support in making democracy work.

Sincerely,

REBECCA SPENCER
Registrar of Voters

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**SPECIAL VACANCY MAIL BALLOT ELECTION
MAY 12, 2020**

POLLING PLACES WILL NOT BE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS ELECTION.

The enclosed ballot is your **OFFICIAL BALLOT** for this election.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Your voted ballot must be in the possession of the Registrar of Voters office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted.

1. Use a black ink pen or marker. **DO NOT use red ink.**
 - a. To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, completely fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.
 - b. Completely filling in the oval is preferred. Vote for no more than the number of votes allowed in each contest (e.g. vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.).
2. Remove the top stub and place the voted ballot card in the return envelope provided. Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it.
 - a. Sign your name and print your address where indicated. **If you fail to sign the envelope your vote cannot be counted:** and
 - b. Seal the envelope.
3. Return your ballot:
 - a. By mail:
 - A postage-paid envelope is provided to conveniently return your ballot by mail. Voters residing outside of the territorial limits of the United States must add postage appropriate for their current location.
 - b. In person to:
 - The Registrar of Voters office during regular business hours and until close of polls on Election Day. For your convenience the Registrar's office has a locked drop box at its entry for ballot drop off 24 hours a day.
 - Ballot drop off locations at designated City Clerks' offices. Please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net for a list of drop off locations.
 - Since this is a mail ballot election, there are **no established polling places.**
 - c. You may verify that the Registrar of Voters has received your voted ballot by checking the return status online at www.voteinfo.net.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **UNABLE TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT PERSONALLY?** State law allows you to authorize any individual to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot, as long as the authorized person does not receive any form of compensation based on the number of ballots returned. Have your designated representative complete the authorization statement on the enclosed return envelope.
- **SPOILED YOUR BALLOT?** Place the ballot card in the enclosed return envelope, place a check mark in the spoiled box on the return envelope and return it to our office. A new ballot will be sent to you if there is sufficient time to do so. If there is not sufficient time to return your ballot and receive another by mail, you may return your ballot personally to the Registrar of Voters office or call for further instructions at (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-8683.
- **ACCESSIBLE VOTING UNIT.** An Accessible Voting Unit is available at the Registrar of Voters office.
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE.** The registration deadline to vote for this election is April 27, 2020.

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HOW TO MARK YOUR OFFICIAL PAPER BALLOT

- Completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like the example provided. Check both front and back of ballot for voting contests.
- Use a black ink pen or marker. Do not use red ink.
- Completely filling in the oval is preferred.
- Vote for no more than the number of votes allowed in each contest (e.g., vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.).
- Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it.

**TO MARK YOUR VOTE
FILL IN THE OVAL**



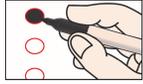
VOTE!!!

Vote First, Count First! Vote-by-Mail ballots received before Election Day are counted first. Return your ballot as soon as possible to ensure that it is included in the first Election Night results!

**For a demonstration on marking your ballot visit www.voteinfo.net.
PARA ESPAÑOL, VEA EL OTRO LADO**

OFFICIAL BALLOT / BOLETA OFICIAL

**SPECIAL VACANCY MAIL BALLOT ELECTION / ELECCIÓN DE BOLETA POR CORREO DE VACANTE ESPECIAL
RIVERSIDE COUNTY / CONDADO DE RIVERSIDE
MAY 12, 2020 / 12 DE MAYO DE 2020**



Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like the example to the left. Use a black ink pen or marker to mark your ballot. **DO NOT USE RED INK.**



Instrucciones a los Votantes: Para votar, completamente rellene el óvalo a la izquierda de su deseo, como el ejemplo a la izquierda. Use un bolígrafo o marcador de tinta negra para marcar su boleta. **NO USE TINTA ROJA.**

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office. The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated office is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or that the party approves of the candidate.

CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS VOTANTES

Todos los votantes, sin importar la preferencia de partido que hayan revelado al inscribirse, o su negativa de revelar una preferencia de partido, pueden votar por cualquier candidato a un cargo nominado por los votantes. La preferencia del partido, si la hubiera, designada por un candidato a un cargo nominado por los votantes, es seleccionada por el candidato y se muestra solo para la información de los votantes. No implica que el candidato esté nominado ni ratificado por el partido ni que el partido apruebe al candidato.

**VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES
CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS VOTANTES**
STATE SENATOR / SENADOR ESTATAL

**28th Senatorial District, Short Term
Distrito Senatorial Núm. 28, Plazo Corto**

Vote for One / Vote por Uno

**MELISSA MELENDEZ**

Party Preference: Republican
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Assemblywoman / Small Businesswoman
Asambleísta / Pequeña empresaria

**ELIZABETH ROMERO**

Party Preference: Democratic
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Riverside County Board of Education Member
Miembro de la junta de educación del condado de Riverside

VOTER INFORMATION PAGE

The following pages contain voter information applicable to your ballot which may include the following items:

■ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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Campaign Finance Reform

The following persons have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the limits have the opportunity to publish a statement of qualifications.

STATE SENATE, 28th DISTRICT

Melissa Melendez, Republican
Elizabeth Romero, Democratic

Party Endorsements – Elections Code § 13302(b)

The County Elections Official shall print a list of all candidates for Voter-Nominated Offices that are endorsed by the following qualified political parties:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Elizabeth Romero, State Senator, 28th District

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Melissa Melendez, State Senator, 28th District

Conditional Voter Registration

Did you forget to register or update your voter registration? No Problem! A new law allows you to register to vote and vote until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at your county elections office or at any vote center or polling place in your county. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) and is commonly referred to as Same Day Voter Registration. Here's how it works:

1. Visit the Registrar of Voters office located at 2720 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.
2. Complete a voter registration card or register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.
3. Vote your ballot at your county elections office, vote center, or polling place.
4. Once the county elections official processes your registration and determines you are eligible, you will be registered to vote and your ballot will be counted.

To learn more about Conditional Voter Registration, visit vote.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding Conditional Voter Registration, please call (951) 486-7200 or toll free (800) 773-VOTE (8683). You may check the status of your voter registration at www.voteinfo.net/AmIRegistered.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
STATE SENATOR,
28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, SHORT TERM**

MELISSA MELENDEZ, Republican **AGE: 52**
OCCUPATION: Assemblywoman / Small - Businesswoman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Sacramento has been dominated by a single political voice for decades, forcing people to move out of the state or suffer from the enormously high cost of living, lack of affordable housing and increasing crime.

Since being elected, I have authored legislation to make it easier to build affordable homes.

I have supported measures to increase the use of tele-health so patients can access medical care and speak with their doctors.

I have pushed efforts to reallocate high-speed rail funding to fix our crumbling roads.

I have helped pass campaign finance laws so voters know where campaign money is coming from and worked to stop legislators from becoming lobbyists and cashing in on their time in elected office.

I authored one of the most sweeping workplace harassment reform laws in the last decade to protect employees and workers

I helped pass bills that provided essential services to those in need during times of crisis.

As your State Senator I will continue my fight to repeal AB5 and allow independent contractors to remain independent, keeping the freedom to choose when and where they work.

California was once the home of innovation and opportunity. If elected to represent you in the State Senate I will continue my efforts to support law enforcement, STOP NEW TAX INCREASES and work for California taxpayers to return California to a place where everyone willing to work hard can afford to live.

Learn more at www.melendezforca.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
STATE SENATOR,
28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, SHORT TERM**

ELIZABETH ROMERO, Democratic
OCCUPATION: Riverside County Board of Education
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically changed all of our lives. I remain inspired by all the unsung heroes – from the frontline healthcare workers to community, labor and faith leaders, small business owners, teachers, parents and public safety personnel. They are examples of TRUE PUBLIC SERVICE and LEADERSHIP.

They remind us that IT'S TIME TO END THE PARTISANSHIP that divides us and focus on real solutions, together.

As Assistant Vice Chancellor at UC Riverside, I helped secure \$100 million for UCR's School of Medicine to train more doctors and expand our healthcare workforce.

As a Riverside County Board of Education member, I led efforts to achieve a 90.1% graduation rate-one of the highest in California.

As a healthcare professional, I directed efforts that enrolled over 17,000 people in the Affordable Care Act.

As your State Senator, I'll fight for expanded access to healthcare, emergency preparedness, mental healthcare, and senior services.

I'll advocate for high-quality public education and childcare, affordable college and job training to prepare students for well-paying, 21st century jobs.

I'll address the housing and affordability crisis by streamlining regulations and providing incentives to quickly build the diverse housing we need. We can strengthen our middle class by bringing emerging industries to Riverside County, including clean energy, healthcare and advanced manufacturing jobs.

As a lifelong resident of Riverside County, I am deeply committed to DELIVERING REAL RESULTS for a brighter future for us all. I'd be honored to have your support. www.RomeroForSenate.com

Language Services

The County of Riverside is making voting easier in 2020!

The Registrar of Voters will have translated sample ballots that voters can use as a reference tool when voting. If you wish to see one of these translated sample ballots before Election Day, you may request one.

You can request one by calling (800) 773-VOTE (8683) or by visiting www.voteinfo.net.

Requests must be received no later than 7 days before an election.

Servicios de Idioma

¡En 2020, el Condado de Riverside facilita el proceso de votación!

El Registro de Votantes contará con muestras de boletas de votación traducidas que los votantes pueden usar como referencia al momento de votar. Si desea ver una de estas muestras de boletas de votación traducidas antes del Día de la Elección, puede solicitar una.

Para solicitar una, llame al (800) 773-VOTE (8683) o visite www.voteinfo.net.

Las solicitudes deben ser recibidas a más tardar 7 días antes de la elección.

语言服务

河濱縣要讓 2020 年投票變得更容易!

選民登記處會提供翻譯版的樣本選票，選民可以在投票時使用這些樣本選票作為參考工具。如果您希望在選舉日之前看到其中一種翻譯版本的樣本選票，您可以提出申請。

您可以致電 (800)773-VOTE (8683) 或通過訪問 www.voteinfo.net 以索取樣本選票。

此類申請最晚必須在選舉前7天收到。

Các Dịch Vụ Ngôn Ngữ

Quận Riverside đang nỗ lực để việc bầu cử trở nên dễ dàng hơn vào năm 2020!

Nhân Viên Ghi Danh Cử Tri sẽ có các mẫu phiếu bầu đã được dịch để cử tri có thể tham khảo khi bỏ phiếu. Nếu quý vị muốn xem mẫu phiếu bầu đã được dịch trước Ngày Bầu Cử, quý vị có thể yêu cầu điều đó.

Quý vị có thể yêu cầu một mẫu phiếu bầu đã được dịch bằng cách gọi điện đến số (800) 773-VOTE (8683) hoặc truy cập www.voteinfo.net.

Quý vị phải gửi yêu cầu trước ngày bầu cử ít nhất 7 ngày.

Mga Serbisyo sa Wika

Mas pinapadali ng County ng Riverside ang pagboto sa 2020!

Magkakaroon ng mga nakasalin na sample ballot ang Registrar ng mga Botante na maaaring gamitin ng mga botante bilang kanilang sanggunian kapag bumoboto. Maaari kang humiling kung gusto mong makita ang isa sa mga nakasalin na sample ballot bago ang Araw ng Halalan.

Maaari itong hilingin sa pamamagitan ng pagtawag sa (800) 773-VOTE (8683) o pagbisita sa www.voteinfo.net.

Kailangan matanggap ang mga hiling nang hindi hihigit sa 7 araw bago ang halalan.

언어 서비스

리버사이드 카운티의 2020년 투표가 더욱 쉬워졌습니다!

유권자 등록 사무소에 번역된 투표용지 견본을 비치해 유권자가 투표 시에 참고할 수 있게 했습니다. 선거일 전에 번역된 투표용지 견본을 확인하고 싶은 경우 견본을 요청할 수 있습니다.

(800) 773-VOTE (8683)번으로 전화, 또는 visiting www.voteinfo.net 에 방문해 요청하십시오.

견본 요청은 선거 7일 전까지 완료되어야 합니다.