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Registrar urges Riverside County voters to drop off vote-by-mail ballots by Monday

With voter registration at a record high for next week's election, Registrar Kari Verjil urged Riverside County voters today to drop off vote-by-mail ballots before Tuesday so that their votes can be among the first results posted right after the polls close.

Voter registration reached 943,405 and a record-breaking 545,000 voters have requested ballots to vote by mail, 10 percent more than in the 2008 presidential election. Voters who turn in ballots by Monday can be part of the Election Night excitement because results from their ballots are among the first released after the polls close.

Vote-by-mail ballots dropped off at polling places on Tuesday will be counted in the days following the election, with results added to vote totals on Friday at 6 p.m. A second update may be necessary over the weekend, depending on volume dropped off at the polls. Verjil said approximately 220,000 voters already have cast ballots for the election.

Voters may drop off vote-by-mail ballots at the Registrar of Voters office, city clerks offices in Riverside County and some libraries. The location of all drop-off sites is available at www.voteinfo.net. Vote-by-mail ballots should not be mailed to the registrar between now and the election in order to ensure that they are in the registrar's possession when polls close at 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Under state law, ballots arriving after that deadline cannot be counted, regardless of the time on the postmark.

Tentative schedule for ballot results on Election Night and beyond:

Polls close Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Approximately 8:30 p.m., vote-by-mail results will be released.

Approximately 10:30 p.m., first polling place results will be released as workers continue transporting ballots from around the county to Riverside for counting.

Hourly polling place results will be updated until 1:30 a.m.

After 1:30 a.m., updated polling place results will be released every 90 minutes.

Depending on voter turnout, polling-place ballot counts will likely continue until noon on Wednesday. For election results, check www.voteinfo.net after the polls close and keep track of other Election Day information on Facebook and Twitter.