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Riverside County  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Sample ballot mailing nearly complete; vote-by-mail ballots will go in the mail on Tuesday**

Nearly all of the sample ballot pamphlets for Riverside County have been mailed as of Monday, May 16, 2016, with the few remaining sample ballots to be mailed on Tuesday. The Riverside County Registrar of Voters had planned to mail all sample ballots by May 9, 2016, but a long-time registrar's mailing vendor could not meet established timelines and the remaining sample ballots were transported to a Sacramento vendor that could complete the mailing on short notice and before the state's May 28 deadline.

Approximately 550,000 vote-by-mail ballots will be mailed to voters on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 for the consolidated presidential primary election. Ballots should arrive in mailboxes by the end of the week. 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 May 9 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.