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MEDIA ADVISORY: SACRAMENTO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ELECTION UPDATE

Voters Receive Sample Ballot Pamphlets for Statewide Special Election

Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine announced today that sample ballot pamphlets for the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election are arriving in the mailboxes of 676,721 registered voters in Sacramento County.

Check your polling location

There are a total of 314 polling places in Sacramento County. Some polling places may be different for this election so voters are urged to check the back of their sample ballot pamphlet for the location of their polling place. Voters may also find their designated polling place by calling (916) 875-6500.

Reminder about new Vote-by-Mail terminology

Amendments to the California Election Code became law on January 1, 2008. LaVine wants to remind voters and the media the terminology that refers to a voter who chooses to vote by mail has changed from an "absentee voter" to a "**vote-by-mail**" voter, or VBM.

Key dates for voters

April 20, 2009 – Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots begin mailing to approximately 275,822 permanent VBM voters and VBM voting begins.

May 4, 2009 - Last day to register to vote in Statewide Special Election.

May 12, 2009 - Last day to request a VBM ballot be mailed to you. (A VBM request form can be found on the back cover of the Sample Official Ballot pamphlet. These requests must be received by the Elections Office by 5:00 p.m.)

May 19, 2009 – Election Day – Polls are open from 7:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.

For more information, contact Brad Buyse at (916) 875-6365.

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