

IMPORTANT!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

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Information about local candidates and local measures (if applicable) for the June 8, 2010 Statewide Direct Primary Election may be found on the enclosed sample ballot pamphlet pages or on our website at www.ocvote.com. If you need additional information regarding the State initiatives or State Constitutional candidates, visit the California Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov.



HOW TO VOTE YOUR BALLOT: Use a blue or black pen • Completely fill in the entire voting rectangle to the left of the candidate's name or next to the word "YES" or "NO" for a measure (if applicable) • NOTE: Your ballot has the words "Sample Ballot" printed on its sides. The "Official Ballot" is not yet available. Your "Sample Ballot" will be processed/counted the same as "Official Ballots" • **Your ballot will remain secret/Do not sign or place your initials on your ballot. California law prohibits identifying marks on a ballot and any such marks will cause your ballot to be voided** • To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name on the line provided, and completely fill in the voting rectangle to the left of the line • **Do not write in a name that is already printed on the ballot.**



HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT BY MAIL: Place your voted ballot, and no one else's, in the ID Envelope provided • Sign your name and indicate your Orange County residence address on the outside of the ID envelope as it appears on your registration affidavit • If a voter cannot sign his/her name, an "X" witnessed by one person is acceptable. The voter's name must be written near the mark and the witness must sign his/her name as a witness (A power of attorney is not acceptable). A signature stamp may also be used if the voter has previously submitted his/her registration affidavit, in the presence of a county elections official, using the signature stamp to sign the affidavit. If your original ballot is lost, spoiled, damaged or marked in error, call (714) 567-7560. Your ballot must be received by 8:00 p.m. Election Day (Postmarks do not count). **You do not need to complete the Oath of Voter if you are mailing your ballot.**



HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT BY FAX: Complete the ID Envelope and Oath of Voter. Fax your ballot, Oath of Voter and ID Envelope to (714) 567-5100. Our office cannot accept your faxed ballot without the Oath of Voter and the ID Envelope. Your ballot must be received by 8:00 p.m. Election Day.

TOP FIVE REASONS FOR YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT NOT TO BE COUNTED:



1. **No Signature:** You did not sign the ID envelope where indicated.
2. **Late Return:** Your vote-by-mail ballot arrived after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
3. **Unnecessary Marks:** You signed, initialed, or placed extraneous marks on your ballot.
4. **Unauthorized Envelope:** You **DID NOT** use the ID Envelope provided.
5. **Faxed Without Oath of Voter:** You did not include the Oath of Voter with your faxed ballot.