

IMPORTANT!
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

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Information on the February 2, 2010 City of Mission Viejo Special Recall Election may be found on our website at www.ocvote.com.



HOW TO VOTE YOUR BALLOT: Use a blue or black pen ▪ Completely fill in the rectangle to the left of the candidate's name ▪ **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:** Ballot is returned in a different 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.