

IMPORTANT!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR MAILED BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLETS ARE MAILED 40 DAYS THROUGH 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION AND CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.OCVOTE.COM



HOW TO VOTE YOUR BALLOT: Use a black or blue pen • Completely fill in the entire voting rectangle to the left of the candidate's name or to the left of the word "YES" or "NO" for a question • **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** • If you desire to vote at your polling place, you must surrender your **unvoted** vote-by-mail at the polls.



ENCLOSED IDENTIFICATION (ID) ENVELOPE: Place your voted ballot, and no one else's, in the ID envelope provided • Sign your name and indicate your 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) 567-7600 for instructions on obtaining a second ballot.



RETURN YOUR BALLOT: You must return your ballot in the ID envelope • You may return your ballot by mail, or in person to the Registrar of Voters office or any polling place in Orange County • Your ballot must be received by the Registrar of Voters office (**postmarks do not count**) or the polling place by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day • If you are ill or disabled, you may designate a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or a person residing in your house to return the ballot for you • The designee must print his/her name, sign, and indicate the relationship to you on the ID envelope.



SURRENDERING YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT: If you wish to vote at the polls rather than vote-by-mail, you **must** surrender your unvoted vote-by-mail at the poll site. **Remember to bring your unvoted vote-by-mail ballot with you to the polls. You will be asked to vote provisionally unless you surrender it to a poll worker.**

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. **Unauthorized Return:** You are unable to return your ballot and **DID NOT** authorize a relative or person residing in your home to return it for you.

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