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**Riverside County** 

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Small number of voters notified after isolated printing error on ballots is corrected

A ballot printing error was identified and corrected before ballots started going into the mail for the Nov. 4 consolidated general election.

In 2012, new boundary lines for congressional, state senate, and state assembly districts were put into effect and all voters in Riverside County had to be reassigned into new districts based on their residence address. Thirty-five voters who live very close to the boundary lines were mistakenly assigned, for congressional and state senate races, into the district adjacent to their residences.

The voters have been mailed redacted ballots, with races involving the incorrect districts removed. They also were mailed supplemental ballots for the correct contests, and instructions, to help ensure that they vote in the contests for which they are eligible, based on their home addresses. The redacted and supplemental ballots will be processed manually and counted, the same as any other valid, voted ballot. The Registrar of Voters office has contacted the 35 voters by phone to explain the issue and apologize for the inconvenience.

The voters were incorrectly assigned to precincts for congressional and state senate races since 2012, when the new boundaries went into effect. None of the contests in 2012 was close enough for 35 votes to have changed the outcome of the election. The affected precincts are in the Glen Ivy, Good Hope, El Cerrito and Sage areas.