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Vote-by-Mail ballots for March 2 election on the way to Cathedral City voters

Approximately 21,000 vote-by-mail ballots will be mailed to voters in the City of Cathedral City this week for the city's special municipal measure election on March 2. Completed ballots must be received at the Registrar of Voters office or at Cathedral City Hall no later than the close of polls on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted.

Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned through the postal service or deposited in the vote-by-mail drop-off box at the Cathedral City Hall. A 24-hour drop box is available outside the main entrance of the registrar's office at 2720 Gateway Drive in Riverside. Vote-by-mail ballots also may be dropped off at any polling place within the City of Cathedral City before 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters have until Feb. 23 to request a vote-by-mail ballot by completing the request form on the back of their voter information guide or by using the application form on the Registrar of Voters website at www.voteinfo.net. The request forms may be returned by mail or by facsimile to (951) 486-7272.

Early voting at the Registrar of Voters office began Feb. 1 and continues Monday through Friday (excluding county holidays), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The registrar's office will be open to voters on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The March 2 election is not a countywide election. Registered voters in the City of Cathedral City are eligible to cast votes in this election. For questions about your eligibility to vote, contact the

registrar's office at (951) 486-7200.

If you want to register, update your address or change your political party preference, you must complete a voter registration application and submit it by Feb. 16. You can register online at <u>registertovote.ca.gov</u> or request a paper application by calling (951) 486-7200.

Special Note: Effective Jan. 1, 2017, Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) is available to eligible voters in California pursuant to Election Codes 2170 through 2173. CVR extends the existing 15-day registration deadline to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote 14 days prior to an election through Election Day.