

2011

POLLING PLACE
LOCATION
ON BACK COVER
POLLS OPEN
NOVEMBER 8, 2011
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LAST DAY TO
REGISTER TO VOTE
OCTOBER 24, 2011

VOTE-BY-MAIL
OCTOBER 10 – NOVEMBER 1
APPLICATION ON BACK COVER

IF YOU HAVE NOT
MAILED YOUR VOTED BALLOT
BEFORE ELECTION DAY
IT MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT
ANY POLLING PLACE
IN THE COUNTY OR AT
THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
OFFICE BY 8:00 P.M. ON
ELECTION DAY TO COUNT.

POSTMARK NOT ACCEPTED



RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507
951-486-7200 * 800-773-VOTE (8683)
TTY: 951-697-8966
www.voteinfo.net

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE SAMPLE BALLOT AND INFORMATION PAMPHLET



CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Una traducción en Español de esta Boleta de Muestra y Folleto de Información
al Votante puede obtenerse en la oficina del Registro de Votantes Llame al
(951) 486-7200 o 1 (800) 773-VOTE (8683)
o visite nuestra sitio www.voteinfo.net

VOTE-BY-MAIL

Vote first, Count first!



Did You Know...

- Vote-by-mail ballots are the first to be counted Election Night
- Any voter can vote-by-mail
- You can opt to vote-by-mail once or choose to receive all future ballots by mail
- Vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to voters up to 29 days before Election Day
- A vote-by-mail voter can check online to see if the Registrar has received their ballot
- Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned:
 - * by mail
 - * at a vote-by-mail drop off box at participating locations
 - * at any polling place in the County on Election Day
- The back of this pamphlet includes a vote-by-mail application

YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO

OPT-IN TO VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT ONLINE!

Voters, you have the option to view your current Sample Ballot Information Pamphlet online instead of receiving the pamphlet in the mail.

It's easy and it's great for the environment.

You can view online all future sample ballots and have 24/7 access all at your convenience.

For more information visit www.voteinfo.net
or call 951-486-7200 or 1-800-773-VOTE(8683)



Kari Verjil
Registrar of Voters



Rebecca Spencer
Assistant Registrar of Voters

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dear Voter:

November 8, 2011 is Election Day. Your ballot may contain contests for Cities, Schools and/or Special Districts in Riverside County. This *Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet* provides ballot marking instructions, polling place hours, candidate and measure information, and other election details that are important for you to review before you vote. You may mark your selections on your sample ballot and take it with you to the polls for easy reference.

Did you know that Vote-by-Mail ballots received in the Registrar of Voters office before Election Day are the first ballots counted on Election Night? You can learn more about **Vote First, Count First** by reviewing this pamphlet or by visiting www.voteinfo.net. A Vote-by-Mail application can be found on the back of this pamphlet. Simply follow the instructions, and we will mail you a ballot.

Be sure to follow the Registrar of Voters on **facebook** and **twitter**, so you can receive timely election updates and be informed about the election process.

The Registrar of Voters team is here to serve you. Please contact us anytime, so we can help make your voting experience a positive one. Thank you for participating in this election, and remember, your vote counts!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kari Verjil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Kari Verjil
Registrar of Voters

**CAN'T MAKE IT ON ELECTION DAY?
WE'RE MAKING IT EASY TO VOTE EARLY**



AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE
2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507

October 10 through November 7
(excluding Holidays)

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 5
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Election Day, November 8
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Westfield Palm Desert
Shopping Center
72-840 HIGHWAY 111
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Saturday, November 5
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



VOTE-BY-MAIL

You can request your OFFICIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT by using the application on the back of this sample ballot booklet. Return your vote-by-mail ballot by mail or for your convenience, you can return your ballot at the following drop-off locations throughout Riverside County October 11 to November 7:

- City Clerk's Offices (as listed)
- County-run Libraries (as listed)
- The Registrar of Voters Office up until close of polls on Election Day.
- The Registrar of Voters 24-hour Drop Box is available east of the main entry doors.
- At any polling place in Riverside County on Election Day.

CITIES

Blythe
Coachella
Desert Hot Springs
Indian Wells
Norco
Palm Springs
Riverside

COUNTY LIBRARIES

Coachella
Desert Hot Springs
Highgrove
Norco
Palm Desert
Paloma Valley
Perris
Romoland
Sun City
Woodcrest



Check out our website
for all of the drop-off
locations throughout
Riverside County at
WWW.VOTEINFO.NET
or
call our office at
951-486-7200 or
1-800-773-VOTE(8683)



TO PROPERLY MARK YOUR OFFICIAL PAPER BALLOT

Please refer to the following instructions on how to properly complete your official paper ballot.

- ✓ Connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice, like the example provided. Check both front and back of ballot for voting contests
- ✓ Use a black ball point pen. Do not use felt tip, red or gel ink
- ✓ One line connecting the arrow is preferred
- ✓ Vote for no more than the number of votes allowed in each contest (e.g. vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.)
- ✓ Please keep the vote-by-mail ballot folded the same way you received it

TO MARK YOUR VOTE DRAW A LINE



VOTE!!!

**VERY IMPORTANT!!!
IF YOU ARE A VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER, YOU MUST FILL OUT AND
SIGN YOUR RETURN ENVELOPE!**

For a demonstration on marking your ballot please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT... MARK YOUR BALLOT CORRECTLY

EXAMPLE

CORRECT



INCORRECT



SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA EJEMPLAR

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

ELECCIÓN GENERAL CONSOLIDADA

November 8, 2011 / 8 de noviembre de 2011

Mark your choices on your sample ballot, then refer to it when you vote
Marque sus opciones en su boleta ejemplar, luego, refiérase a el cuando esté votando

SCHOOL / ESCOLAR	
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRITO ESCOLAR UNIFICADO DE ALVORD	
Governing Board Member Miembro Junta Gobernante	
Vote for no more than Two Vote por no más de Dos	
CAROLYN WILSON Incumbent Titular	←
DONNA K. WANDRO Parent Padre de Familia	←
BEN JOHNSON, II Incumbent Titular	←
R. SCOTT JONES Businessman / Private Investigator Empresario / Investigador Privado	←
	←
	←
CITY / CIUDAD	
CITY OF NORCO CIUDAD DE NORCO	
City Council Member Miembro del Concejo Municipal	
Vote for no more than Three Vote por no más de Tres	
JOHN KOSCKI Professional Equestrian Coach Entrenador Profesional Ecuestre	←
HERB HIGGINS Human Resources Director Director de Recursos Humanos	←
BERWIN HANNA Norco City Council Member Miembro del Concejo Municipal de Norco	←
GREG BOWEN Construction Worker Trabajador de Construcción	←
KATHY AZEVEDO Business Owner / Councilwoman Propietaria de Empresa / Concejal	←
JIM NOLAN Business Consultant Consultor de Empresas	←
GREGORY R. NEWTON Appointed Incumbent Titular Nombrado	←
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VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

The following pages contain voter information applicable to your ballot which may include the following items:

- **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**
- **BALLOT MEASURES**
- **ANALYSES**
- **ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT & IN OPPOSITION**

This pamphlet section may not contain a complete list of candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on the Sample Ballot section of this pamphlet. Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body. Deposit amounts required for publication of candidate statements are listed at www.voteinfo.net.

Statements made on the following pages represent the views of the authors and are not endorsed by the County of Riverside. Internet web site addresses included in any statements are provided by the authors. The County of Riverside assumes no liability for the accuracy or content of web sites listed therein.

Arguments in support of or in opposition to the ballot measures are opinions of the authors.

The text, grammar, and spelling are as submitted by the authors.

POLLING PLACE REMINDER NO ELECTIONEERING!



All electioneering, voter solicitation, etc. is prohibited within 100 feet in any direction of the room where voters are casting ballots.

Avoid wearing or displaying campaign buttons, hats, t-shirts, and other political items.

CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE §§18370, 18371

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

CAROLYN WILSON

OCCUPATION: Incumbent / Businesswoman / Mother
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've been honored to serve as President of the Alvord Unified School District and I am seeking your support for re-election. I've brought the perspectives of both a Parent and a Businesswoman to my school board positions.

As a parent and school volunteer, I developed a keen insight into the individual needs of our teachers, students and their families. Our family has resided in the Alvord District for the past 21 years, and this year our daughter graduated from La Sierra High School.

During my 10 years as a businesswoman in the Publishing Industry, I held senior management positions, successfully developed and managed multimillion-dollar budgets and gained valuable experience that I brought to the school board.

My focuses are these key priorities:

~ Quality Education for Our Children

So each and every child receives the finest education, have their specialized and individual needs met and are prepared for a better future.

~ School Safety

Parents need to know our children are safe while attending our schools.

~ Enhanced Communication

~ Strengthening Our Financial Position

"I truly care and am committed to our Alvord Students and Families, our dedicated Teachers and District Employees".

*I thank you and would appreciate your vote,
Carolyn Wilson*

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

R. SCOTT JONES

AGE: 55

OCCUPATION: Businessman / Private Investigator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I was born and raised in Southern California, the youngest son in a military family. The last thirty years I have lived in Riverside within the Alvord District with my wife Lisa, raising our 6 children. We have 4 grandchildren currently in Alvord schools. I am 55, have a Business Administration Degree, and am a licensed private investigator. With help from friends who had faith in me, I started a legal support business in our kitchen and it has grown into three offices within the Inland Empire employing thirty people. I appreciate what it takes to meet a budget, build a business and succeed within an intense professional environment. It is a privilege to seek this office. I respect all of the other candidates, but I believe we need new ideas. I feel that I have special experience and the time to serve however long it takes to succeed. I know how to work with people who have strong opinions like me. I respect our teachers, administrators and support staff who have taught me as we have raised our children. I know there are difficult issues and I want to serve. If elected I will work harder than anyone.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BEN JOHNSON II

AGE: 46

OCCUPATION: Incumbent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am honored to seek your support for another term on the Alvord School Board. When you first elected me I promised to put children first, address overcrowded classrooms; listen to the concerns of parents, teachers, and employees. My record shows I have kept my promises and directed my efforts towards initiating positive change.

As current economic constraints continue to affect school district budgets throughout California, I continue to work with my colleagues exercising responsible fiscal restraint, while protecting valuable staff and teacher jobs, and continue improving students' educational experiences.

All children are capable of success. Our test scores continue to rise.

Dropout rates continue to decline. College enrollment continues to increase.

BEN JOHNSON HELPED CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- The International Baccalaureate Program
- Increased vocational opportunities.
- AVID (Advancing at-risk children)

BEN JOHNSON CONTINUES TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON OUR CAMPUSES:

- Better Security through collaboration with law enforcement
- A no-tolerance drug policy
- Weapons intervention programs designed to prevent conflict.

I appreciate your support in the past and ask for your vote on November 8th. I promise to continue giving my best to our children and our schools.

Proven Leadership & Experience

RE-ELECT BEN JOHNSON FOR ALVORD SCHOOL BOARD!

(951) 687-8128

www.BenJohnsonII.Com

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF NORCO JOHN KOSCKI AGE: 52 OCCUPATION: Professional Equestrian Coach EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: Nine months ago, I moved to Norco to expand my 35 years in the horse business as a trainer and event planner. Some might consider my short stay a disadvantage, but I consider it an asset because I'm not influenced by the existing polarization. My leadership skills, education and experience qualify my name to be on your ballot today. At 15 years of age of my father past away leaving behind four younger siblings for me to help to raise. Over time my leadership skills became my core. If elected, I plan to generate revenue by creating a liaison between the city of Norco and event planners. My higher education began at Butte College where I received an A.A. degree in Natural Resources/Fire Science. Chairing as the Rodeo/Riding club president, my team sponsored a college rodeo and horse show. At California State University, Chico I graduated with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. My internship was spent as a wild horse technician for the Bureau of Land Management. Councilman Sullivan and many of my supporters believe that now is the time for a change. My experience and education make me an excellent candidate for the job as your city councilman.	CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF NORCO HERB HIGGINS AGE: 67 OCCUPATION: Businessman / Retired Corrections EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: Norco is in a crisis. The City's budget is not balanced. Animal keeping rights and trails are in jeopardy. Dangerous cuts have been made to our Fire and Sheriff's Departments. When I previously served on the City Council from 1999 to 2007, Norco was on the right track. When I left office the budget was balanced with an \$18 million reserve. Today Norco is on the brink of bankruptcy. Then public safety was a top priority. We had four firefighters on every engine, and at least one was a paramedic. We added motorcycle officers to increase safety and reduce speeding. Today the Fire Department has been cut to dangerous levels. The motorcycle patrols have been eliminated and traffic accidents are up. In 2003 we made Norco a charter city to protect our animal keeping rights, large lots, and trails. Recently, the City Council voted to allow greater housing density. Restrictions to animal keeping are being considered. Many of our trails are too dangerous for riders and pedestrians. I'm running for the City Council to save Norco and get our city back on the right track. I'd be honored to have your vote. (951) 340-3489
CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF NORCO BERWIN D. HANNA OCCUPATION: Horseshoer EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my entire life with horses and livestock. I grew up in Texas where I finished high school and some college, then spent over 20 successful years as a racehorse owner and trainer, rodeo participant and farrier. I continue to run a very trusted and successful farrier business. While serving my first term on the Norco City Council, I voted to approve the Accessory Building Ordinance to protect our animal keeping lots. I voted to approve the committee to operate our successful Norco Fair at Ingalls Park. I have been co-chairman of the Day of the Cowboy event for the last two years. As mayor this year, I approved and signed the lease for our long-awaited Silverlakes project beginning construction this year. In 2005 I became a founding member and elected leader of the Norco Animal Rescue Team (NART). I am a founding member of the Norco Horsemen's Association. I helped develop the master plan for Ingalls Park for the Parks and Recreation Commission. I serve on the Norco Animal Control Ad Hoc Committee. I also serve on the Norco High School FFA advisory committee. I am committed to this city and its continued financial stability.	CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF NORCO GREG BOWEN AGE: 52 OCCUPATION: Construction / Reserve Deputy EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: Greg Bowen was born and raised in the Inland Empire and has been a Norco resident for many years, where he currently resides with his wife and 5 year old daughter. Mr. Bowen has been a Reserve Sheriff's Deputy with the San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Department for 24 years, where he participates in the Posse and Search & Rescue events. He has worked in Construction for 35 years and is currently a Superintendent for a Norco based Contractor. Mr. Bowen is also the owner of Tri-County Backhoe & Grading, also a Norco based business. Mr. Bowen and his wife and daughter are avid horse people who thoroughly enjoy & support Norco's rural lifestyle. Greg was also a professional Rodeo Cowboy for 32 years. Mr. Bowen's focus as a Councilman would be Family, Rural Lifestyle and Fiscal Growth. A vote for Greg Bowen is a vote for Norco Horsetown U.S.A.	CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF NORCO KATHY AZEVEDO AGE: 57 OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Councilwoman EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: Norco has been my home for 43 years and I LOVE it. I am passionate about our <u>equestrian lifestyle</u> and have spent the past eight years on the city council preserving it. I have maintained my promise to protect and promote our unique community in countless ways. Several of my proudest accomplishments include: • "Horsetown USA" trademark • Annual Holiday "Parade of Lights" • Norco Regional Conservancy & Ranch Tours • Silverlakes Sports Equestrian Complex • UNLOAD Committee Founder/Chair (alcohol/drug abuse awareness in Norco) • Historical Commission to preserve Norco's rich culture The city of Norco remains severely impacted by state budget cuts. I will continue working to revive our <u>economic viability</u>. Making Norco a destination point is an example. I have the proven leadership, knowledge and experience to balance the budget without compromising our lifestyle. <u>Protecting our residents</u> remains a top priority along with being a representative for Norco schools. From advocating for youth sports and open space, to pursuing state recognition of the historic Norconian Hotel, my work is not done. It has been an honor to serve the people of Norco and I respectfully ask for your vote again. To learn more about my campaign visit www.kathyazevedo.com.
CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF NORCO GREGORY R. NEWTON OCCUPATION: Equine Training / Construction Project Manager EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: My family and I have lived in the City of Norco for the past 17 years. My equestrian activities range from competitive trail riding to horse show Dad. I have over 25 years experience in commercial and industrial construction project management. I have been an active participant in community matters. Last year I was appointed to complete the term of Malcolm Miller, Mayor of Norco. At that time I was a member of the Norco Planning Commission, serving nine years. My service as a council member, planning commissioner, and involvement in special task forces and AdHoc committees demonstrates my commitment to the community. Regionally, I am a WRCOG representative to the Riverside County Waste Management Advisory Council. The experience I have gained allows me to undertake this civic duty fully aware of city policies, procedures and complex budgets. I possess the background which enables me to lead the City of Norco in maintaining our animal-keeping and equestrian lifestyle along with financial success.	

FROM



DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2724 GATEWAY DRIVE
RIVERSIDE CA 92507-0923**



NOTICE TO THE VOTER WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

A "YES" or "NO" printed under the disabled symbol/arrow on the back cover of this pamphlet indicates whether or not your assigned polling place is accessible to physically disabled voters. Please be advised of the following alternate ways you may cast your ballot.

- **By mail.** You may request a vote-by-mail ballot. Simply complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet. The application must be mailed to reach the Registrar of Voters Office by the deadline given.
- **Early Voting.** You may vote at the Registrar of Voters office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507, October 10 - November 7 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 8, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Curbside Voting on Election Day.** If you are unable to enter the polling place due to a physical disability, you may request Curbside Voting at your assigned polling place. Upon arrival at the polling place, you will be allowed to vote in a location as near as possible to the entrance that is accessible to the physically disabled. If you require Curbside Voting, please call 1-877-663-9906 before going to your assigned polling place and/or when you arrive at the facility. An Election Officer will be contacted prior to your arrival to meet you at the curb.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2724 GATEWAY DRIVE
RIVERSIDE, CA 92507-0918



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Registrar of Voters
Riverside

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2011

I hereby request a ballot for the Consolidated General Election, November 8, 2011.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED

CITY

STATE

ZIP

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

☐ ☒ Check this box to request PERMANENT VOTE-BY-MAIL status.

I declare, under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

SIGNATURE
REQUIRED

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

DATE

33-BCov GENERAL 11-08-11

BALLOT
TYPE BT011

✓ **You May Cast Your Vote Early**

At

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Accessible Voting Unit available at all polling locations.

TO MARK YOUR VOTE
DRAW A LINE



VOTE!!!

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VOTE EARLY

IT'S QUICK
IT'S EASY

IT'S CONVENIENT

GET OUT OF LINE ON ELECTION DAY!

VOTE-BY-MAIL

↓ LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE ↓



ACCESS?

