

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 black ink that reads "Kari Verjil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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

CITY / CIUDAD CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS CIUDAD DE DESERT HOT SPRINGS
Mayor / Alcalde Vote for One Vote por Uno
ALEX W. BIAS Business Owner / Educator Propietario de Empresa / Educador
ROBERT M. BENTLEY Hearing Representative / Reverend Representante de Audiencia / Reverendo
YVONNE PARKS Incumbent Titular
City Council Member Miembro del Concejo Municipal Vote for no more than Two Vote por no más de Dos
KARL "PANADERO" BAKER, JR. Incumbent Titular
RUSSELL BETTS Councilmember / Businessman Miembro del Concejo / Empresario
ADAM SANCHEZ Corporate Manager Gerente Empresarial
DISTRICT / DISTRITO DESERT WATER AGENCY AGENCIA DE AGUA DE DESERT
Director Director Vote for no more than Two Vote por no más de Dos
TOM KIELEY, III Incumbent Titular
CRAIG A. EWING Incumbent Titular
MICHAEL PAUL PADUANO Business Owner / Realtor Propietario de Empresa / Agente de Bienes Raíces



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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.

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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 MAYOR, CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS ALEX WADE BIAS AGE: 61 OCCUPATION: Business Owner, Educator EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: WE are a small City that has the potential to be one of the most beautiful places to live in the world. However, to realize our dream we need "forward thinking leadership!" I opened the door of government to the people! I minimized "special interest" interference in our affairs. I consistently directed Desert Hot Springs toward becoming an eclectic leisure entertainment tourist destination. Encouraged the City to strive toward energy self-sufficiency via supporting "green energy production" development. Directed the developed & adoption of the City Urban Design Plan and I was instrumental in getting Riverside County Supervisors to build the 25,000 sq. ft. Medical Clinic Campus, south of Vons which now is near completion. Encouraged the City to participate in the Coachella Valley Multi Species Plan. I served on Riverside County Transportation Commissioner; California Association of Governments Executive Committee Member; Coachella Valley Association of Governments Transportation Committee Member; Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communication Committee Member representing CVAG; and a Board Member of the SunLine Transit Agency. B.A. Degree in Political Science from U.C.L.A. California Real Estate Broker. K-12 Substitute Teacher for PSUSD. Learn more: www.reelectmayorbias.com www.mayorbias.com	CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR MAYOR, CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS ROBERT M. BENTLEY AGE: 43 OCCUPATION: Hearing Representative / Reverend EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: Hometown Since 1977 19-Year Homeowner Fairness – Kindness - Transparency <u>Powerful Crusader for Regular Folks</u> We need sober leadership. The first step is admitting we have a problem. We deserve better than a drunken out of control binge. What message does that send to kids? The bullying and meanspirited suppression of differing opinions must end. Without discussions our dysfunctional city lurches from problem to problem. The problems are so enormous we can't talk about them. (Debt, Alcoholism, Festival...) The financially desperate wannabe real estate moguls see everything in terms of money. How is that different than a bank robber? Money is the measure of all things to them. Their motivations are identical. It's all just business to them. I value the beautiful flowers and little animals not the profits of local politicians who intend to build many thousand more low-quality "units". Heavy handed, brute force tactics are inappropriate in America. As an Airborne veteran I'm horrified when armed troops in armored military vehicles raid my hometown. That 's not the America I remember. No cameras should be the goal, not more cameras... a safe town pleasant to live in, not a town under siege. www.ILoveDHS.com
CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR MAYOR, CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS YVONNE PARKS OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a resident of Desert Hot Springs since 1994 and your elected Mayor since 2007. Our City, despite the recession, has progressed in a positive direction in these past 4 years. 40 miles of street improvements, upgraded parks, upgraded Senior Center, Fire and Police stations. Our downtown facades, new streetscapes and beautified medians have greatly improved the looks of our downtown. A successful graffiti program which has our city virtually graffiti free. Completed the annexation to the I-10 and our long awaited overpasses at Palm and Indian are under construction. We have maintained public safety as our number one priority receiving statewide recognition and reduced crime by over 20% overall. Most recently our new Health and Wellness Community Center is under construction. When first elected to Mayor I promised to do everything possible to make progress and improve the image of our great city. I believe I have kept that promise. I recognize there is still more to be done. I am asking you for the opportunity to continue the work that has been started and continue the momentum and maintain the stability that investors are looking for. On November 8th, make the right choice. Re-elect Yvonne Parks, Mayor.	

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

KARL BAKER, JR.

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Teamwork is a critical component for success. I have learned to play an important role as a member of the DHS governing team. I am proud of the accomplishments that have taken place in our City during the last four years:

Over 40 miles of newly paved streets with more to come,

Two New City Parks - a soccer park and a Little League park,

A police department with 36 officers - up from less than 20,

A balanced budget in each of the last four years,

A low/no cost medical clinic with a bigger clinic to come,

My extensive experience in the business world has given me the knowledge and practical skills necessary to run a City.

With a Masters in Education (Administration) and a Masters in Public Administration, I regularly use this academic background to guide me in making decisions.

In addition to the City Council, I serve on a number of local, State and National advisory boards or committees.

I ask that you vote to support me as I pledge to continue to move our City forward for another four years. Desert Hot Springs - "the little City that could."

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

RUSSELL BETTS

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Four years ago when I was elected to the Council: Graffiti was everywhere, shopping carts were strewn about the city, our streets were broken – some not paved in 15 years. Favors to big money interests left million dollar messes to clean up. Our police force was in decline. On the city budget, we faced a financial train wreck.

That picture has changed. Our city is virtually graffiti free. I put through an ordinance to keep shopping carts in the lots. We paved 37 miles of streets. This year we will pave more. I've been tenacious to expose and stop political favors. Our city budget is balanced.

We face more challenges. These are tough financial times. Higher taxes are not the solution – I beat back a proposal to raise your taxes and won. City Hall must get the same job done with less. All major city purchases must go out to bid – that's why I voted against the music festival and its no-bid contract. Taxpayers have no more to waste. Beautification of our city is an important next step. Clean, safe, prosperous is our goal. We can get there. I ask for your vote, Russell Betts. Learn more at electrussellbetts.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

ADAM SANCHEZ

AGE: 53

OCCUPATION: Corporate Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Adam and Faith Sanchez moved to Desert Hot Springs 14 years ago to raise their family. Adam has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Recreation Management from California State University Fresno, a certificate in Non-Profit Organizational Management, University of California, and a certificate in Leadership Management from the University of Clemson.

It's time for change. Our City Council has not performed due diligence. For example, \$1 million dollars lost purchasing the Jewish Temple, \$265,000 lost to a music festival, \$250,000 lost to a spa owner, \$250,000 given to the Coachella Valley Boys & Girls Club which had inherited \$650,000 in a merger deal and \$100,000+ paid to the city manager's assistant as severance pay.

Right now our families are seeing their jobs, savings and homes disappear. Families need food, shelter, health care, job training and educational support.

Desert Hot Springs needs vision, planning, transparency, and accountability. The Register of Demands must be published so residents can see how our tax dollars are spent.

Community Involvement

Community & Cultural Affairs/Chairman

Planning Commission: Vice Chairman

Chamber of Commerce: Treasurer Police Activities League: Director

Mayor's Committee/Charter City Mayor's Committee /Healthcare

City General Plan Committee Rotary Club: President

Vote Adam Sanchez

SEE VIDEO AT www.voteadam.org

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, DESERT WATER AGENCY TOM KIELEY III AGE: 61 OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: As a native Palm Springs resident, I've watched our desert grow and prosper. My years of community leadership have taught me the value of listening to people. I currently serve as the Vice-President of the Desert Water Agency. While serving on this critical Board, I have worked hard to guarantee a continued reliable source of safe, high-quality and affordable drinking water. I'm proud this was accomplished while the DWA Board continued its broad infrastructure improvements and water conservation programs. During my service on the DWA Board, I helped provide strong consistent leadership with an emphasis on fiscal responsibility. As a passionate DWA Director, I've helped expand its state-of-the-art recycled water plant; upgraded hydroelectric resources; vastly improved its community sewer systems; installed a solar energy system for Agency operations; created water conservation community parks; assured future water resources by negotiating complex entitlement purchases. I was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Regional Water Quality Control Board. As you choose your DWA representative, please consider my extensive experience, leadership and understanding of the Agency. I ask for your vote on November 8, 2011, to allow me to continue serving as your Director on the Desert Water Agency.	CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, DESERT WATER AGENCY CRAIG A. EWING AGE: 58 OCCUPATION: Director of Planning Services EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: The Desert Water Agency is responsible for providing safe, reliable water – a responsibility I have taken seriously since joining the Board in 2007. In that time, new wells have been constructed and new pipes have been laid. Our recycling plant has been expanded to produce more reclaimed water for golf courses and parks. We have secured water supply contracts to provide new sources of water and new resources for water conservation. We have worked with our state and federal officials to develop legislation focused water safety, reliability and affordability. Most significantly, we have explored how to assure that our customers are paying a fair rate for water. While other agencies have adopted complicated and, at times, punitive tiered rate structures, the DWA adopted a rate schedule that provides low cost, simplicity and long-term financial stability. It is my goal and desire to continue serving the community on the DWA Board so that our water future is secure. With twenty-seven years' experience as a public city planner and four years on the Board, I bring experience and perspective to assuring that each of us has access to clean, satisfying water. I seek your continued confidence and your vote. E-mail: ewing4dwa@aol.com
CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, DESERT WATER AGENCY MICHAEL PAUL PADUANO AGE: 40 OCCUPATION: Realtor / Business Owner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: We live in a desert. Water is a vital concern. We live in a time of economic unrest. Fiscally sound decisions are essential. We live in a world polluted by years of unreasonable practices and neglect. We need an eye to the future and to its generations. My commitment is fighting for water quality, fighting for water conservation, and fighting for our economy and jobs. I personally believe in the importance of giving back to the community in which I live. For the past ten years I have been actively involved in the community as a leader and volunteer. I am Michael Paduano. For ten years I have lived and worked in Palm Springs. I founded and am currently executive director of a local non-profit and serve on several advisory boards. I have worked at the state and local level for several years with the California Association of Realtors on the following communities: Local Government Relations, Legislation, and Property Management. With these experiences I served on committees helping set policies significantly impacting homeowners, protecting their investments and expenses. A vote for Michael Paduano is a vote for a new voice protecting water quality, job and economic growth and reasonable rates.	

FROM



FIRST
CLASS
POSTAGE

PLACE STAMP HERE

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 BT029

✓ 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!!!

For a demonstration on marking your ballot visit www.voteinfo.net

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?

