

County of Riverside



Registrar of Voters

Polling Place Location
on Back Cover
Polls Open
March 12, 2013
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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To Register To Vote
February 25, 2013**
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February 11th - March 5th
Application on Back Cover

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Senate District 40 Special Primary Election

*Tuesday, March 12, 2013
Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet*



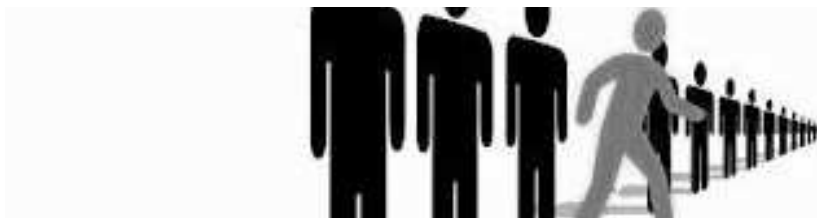
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at the
Riverside County Registrar of Voters Office

YOU HAVE THE OPTION

OPT-IN TO VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT ONLINE!

You can view all future
Sample Ballot Information Pamphlets
online with 24/7 access at your convenience.

It's easy and great for the environment.

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Kari Verjil
Registrar of Voters



Rebecca Spencer
Assistant Registrar of Voters

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dear Voter:

A Special Vacancy Election for the 40th State Senate District will be held March 12, 2013. This Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet provides ballot marking instructions, polling place location and hours, candidate information, and other election details that are important for you to review before you vote.

Options for Voting:

Voting by mail is convenient and easy. The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot is March 5. Below are options for returning your ballot:

- Mail your ballot in time to reach the Registrar of Voters office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, March 12, 2013. Postmarks are not accepted.
- Take your ballot to any polling place in Riverside County (before 8 p.m.) on Election Day.

Voting early is another great option. You may vote early at the Registrar of Voters office at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside, Monday through Friday beginning February 11.

You can learn more about voting by mail or voting early by reviewing this pamphlet or by visiting www.voteinfo.net or by calling (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

The Registrar of Voters team is here to serve you. Thank you for participating in this election.

Sincerely,

Kari Verjil
Registrar of Voters



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Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Senate District 40 Special Primary Election

California State Senate, 40th District Vacancy

Governor Brown issued a proclamation for a Special Primary Election to be held on March 12, 2013 to fill a vacancy in the 40th Senate District.

In a special vacancy election, like the one in Senate District 40, if no candidate receives 50% +1 vote of the total votes cast (a simple majority), then a runoff election will be scheduled for May 14, 2013. If no candidate receives the required number of votes, then the top two candidates appear on the ballot for the May 14, 2013 Special General Election.

Elections in California

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, which took effect January 1, 2011, requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Previously known as partisan offices, voter-nominated offices are state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices. Only the two candidates receiving the most votes—regardless of party preference—move on to the general election regardless of vote totals.

If one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast at the special primary election, he or she will be elected to fill the vacancy and no special general election will be held.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices can only run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate can only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

Political Boundary Lines - Redistricting

Based on State law, vacancy elections are required to be conducted using the original political boundary lines of the vacated elected seat. As a result, the March 12, 2013 Special Primary Election to fill the State Senate District 40 office is being conducted using the 2001 redistricted boundary lines and only voters living within these boundaries are eligible to vote in the State Senate District 40 Special Primary Election.

California law requires that the following information be printed in this pamphlet.

Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. In this sample ballot booklet, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election, unless the candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the primary election.

If one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast at the special primary election, he or she will be elected to fill the vacancy and no special general election will be held.

HOW TO MARK YOUR PAPER BALLOT

Please refer to the following instructions on how to properly complete your official 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!!!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you are a Vote-by-Mail voter, you must fill out and sign your return envelope in order for your vote to be counted.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT...MARK YOUR BALLOT CORRECTLY

EXAMPLE

CORRECT



INCORRECT



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

SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA EJEMPLAR

SENATE DISTRICT 40 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION / ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA ESPECIAL PARA EL DISTRITO 40 DEL SENADO

March 12, 2013 / 12 de marzo de 2013

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

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICE CARGO NOMINADO POR LOS VOTANTES	
STATE SENATOR / SENADOR ESTATAL	
40th Senatorial District Distrito Senatorial Núm. 40 Vote for One / Vote por Uno	
HECTOR RAUL GASTELUM Party Preference: Republican Businessman Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Empresario	 
XANTHI GIONIS Party Preference: Republican Professor / Businesswoman / Author Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Profesora / Empresaria / Escritora	 
ANNA NEVENIC Party Preference: Democratic Nurse / Author Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Enfermera / Escritora	 
BEN HUESO Party Preference: Democratic California State Assemblymember Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Miembro de la Asamblea del Estado de California	 
	 



VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

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

■ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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. Deposit amounts required for publication of candidate statements are listed on our website at www.voteinfo.net.

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

Campaign Finance Reform

The following persons have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the limits have the opportunity to publish a statement of qualifications in the local sample ballot pamphlet.

STATE SENATE, 40TH DISTRICT

Hector Raul Gastelum, Republican
Xanthi Gionis, Republican
Anna Nevenic, Democratic
Ben Hueso, Democratic

Party Endorsements Elections Code § 13302(b)

The County Elections Official shall print a list of all candidates for Voter-Nominated Offices that are endorsed by the following qualified political parties:

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY

Xanthi Gionis, State Senator, 40th District

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
STATE SENATOR,
40TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

XANTHI GIONIS, Republican **AGE: 49**
OCCUPATION: Professor, Businesswoman, Author
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

These are difficult times in our Golden State. We are slowly emerging from one of the worst recessions in American history. California is broken and we need proven leadership in Sacramento to make a difference. As State Senator, I will work diligently to meet our State's economic challenges and bring stability back to our economy. As a business leader, educator and advocate for limited government and fiscal reform, I have had to balance budgets, both in good economic times and bad, while creating jobs and educational opportunities. I am a strong advocate for business and my past professional experience, education and ability to successfully get things done will help to heal our State's economy and get California back on solid ground. We need strong leaders in Sacramento, legislators who are not afraid of making bold business decisions to turn our State around. I will advocate strongly for a reduction in overly burdensome regulations that drive economic opportunities and job growth out of our State. I will work hard to stop out of control government spending, waste and tax increases on working families already struggling to make ends meet. With so many Californians facing job loss, reduced hours, and furloughs, our top priority in Sacramento must be jobs, the economy and education. Cuts to education and teacher pay are placing our children's future in jeopardy. As your State Senator, I will bring a strong voice and a logical business approach to Sacramento politics. Let's work together to move California forward.

www.Xanthi4Senate.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
STATE SENATOR,
40TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

BEN HUESO, Democratic
OCCUPATION: California State Assemblymember
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a father of four, I want all families to achieve the American Dream. I am honored to have the chance to bring that commitment to the Imperial Valley.

As President of the San Diego City Council and Chairman of the California-Mexico Bi-National Affairs Committee I created jobs.

As Chairman of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee I protected our natural resources. I will protect the Imperial Valley's water and help you build the renewable energy resources that create jobs in the Valley.

In the Legislature I've been a reformer. I increased help for small business and expanded college opportunity. I improved programs to prevent domestic violence, crack down on drugs, protected Social Security for seniors, and helped veterans with housing.

Our new Congressman, Juan Vargas, former Congressman Bob Filner, Imperial County Supervisor Chairman and the Mayors of Calexico and Coachella endorse me for the State Senate.

But none of those endorsements mean as much to me as the support I am receiving from families, like yours. Families in the neighborhood I grew up in. Families I have worked with. Families I have served.

To earn your vote I only promise you my hard work, my commitment to serve with honor, and my refusal to put special interests ahead of our families' interests.

I invite you to visit my website: Hueso for Senate to learn more about what we can achieve for our families, together.

I appreciate your consideration in the March 12 Special Election. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES



FEBRUARY 11

First day you can vote

FEBRUARY 25

Close of voter registration

MARCH 5

Last day to request a
Vote-by-Mail ballot

MARCH 12 ELECTION DAY

Vote at your polling place, drop off your Vote-by-Mail ballot at any polling place or vote at the Registrar of Voters office by 8:00 p.m.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?

You can register to vote by:
Requesting a registration card to be mailed to you
or

By filling out a registration card online.
You can also check to see if you are registered by calling our office.

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

VOTE-BY-MAIL

February 11 thru March 5

HAVE YOU HEARD? VOTING BY MAIL IS...

Early Voting

Available to any voter

Saves time by getting you out of line on Election Day

Your Choice



You can request to vote-by-mail in any election or elect to receive all ballots for future elections in the mail.

SAME OFFICIAL BALLOT – AT YOUR CONVENIENCE



FROM

DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?



FIRST
CLASS
POSTAGE

PLACE STAMP HERE

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, February 11 - March 11 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Election Day, March 12, 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 MARCH 5, 2013

I hereby request a ballot for the Senate District 40 Special Primary Election, March 12, 2013.

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

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BALLOT
TYPE 001

✓ **You May Cast Your Vote Early**

At

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

February 11 through March 11 (excluding Holidays)
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day March 12

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

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VOTE-BY-MAIL

↓ LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE ↓



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