

County
of Riverside



Registrar of
Voters

Polling Place Location
on Back Cover
Polls Open June 5, 2012
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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**Last Day To Register
To Vote or Change
Political Party
Preference
May 21, 2012**
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May 7th - May 29th
Application on Back Cover

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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
nuestro sitio www.voteinfo.net

Consolidated Presidential Primary Election

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet*

This booklet contains all political party preferences,
please check the back cover for your party preference.



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Election News **UPDATE**

Top-Two Open Primary Act

Under the Top-Two Open Primary Act, passed by voters in June 2010, you may vote for any candidate running for a congressional and state legislative office, no matter which political party they belong to. Only the top two vote-getters, regardless of party preference, will move on to the general election in November.

The Top-Two Open Primary Act does NOT apply to candidates running for U.S. President or central committee offices. You may only vote for candidates from the party in which you are registered.

Non-partisan offices (such as judges, county supervisors, and city council and school board members) remain open to all eligible voters.

Redistricting

New electoral district boundaries are drawn every 10 years, in order to equalize district populations. Boundaries for the congressional, state legislative, county supervisorial, and county board of education districts are now different. To see the new district maps, visit the Registrar of Voters website at www.voteinfo.net.

VOTE-BY-MAIL

QUICK



EASY



CONVENIENT



Did You Know...

- Any voter can vote-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 convenient drop off sites
 - ★ at any polling place in the County on Election Day



Kari Verjil
Registrar of Voters



Rebecca Spencer
Assistant Registrar of Voters

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dear Voter:

The Presidential Primary Election will take place on June 5, 2012. This election is your opportunity to vote for federal, state, and local offices, as well as statewide or local measures. Some important changes have taken place, so please read this Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet carefully.

Options for Voting:

Vote-by-Mail: Voting by mail is convenient and easy. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is May 29. You have several options for returning your ballot:

- Mail your ballot in time to reach the Registrar of Voters office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 5, 2012. Postmarks are not accepted.
- Deposit your ballot in one of the secure drop-off boxes available at county libraries and city clerks' offices from May 7 through June 4.
- Take your ballot to any polling place (before 8 p.m.) in Riverside County on Election Day.

Vote Early: Vote at the Registrar of Voters office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning May 7 through June 4, and on Election Day, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vote Early at the Mall: Accessible electronic voting units and vote-by-mail drop-off boxes will be available June 1-3 at the following locations:

- Galleria at Tyler in Riverside
- The Promenade in Temecula
- Westfield Palm Desert

Vote on Election Day, June 5: See the back cover of the Sample Ballot for your polling place location.

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. Your vote counts!

Sincerely,

Kari Verjil
Registrar of Voters



Be sure to follow the Registrar of Voters on
Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

California Primary Elections

**NEW LAW
Took Effect
January 1, 2011**

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act 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.

In this new open primary system, this means you can vote for any candidate, regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form. Only the two candidates receiving the most votes — regardless of party preference — move on to the general election regardless of vote totals. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (50 percent +1), a general election still must be held. Even if there are only two candidates in the open primary, a general election is still required.

California's new open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

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

Party-Nominated/Partisan Offices

Political parties may formally nominate candidates for party-nominated/partisan offices at the primary election. A nominated candidate will represent that party as its official candidate for the specific office at the general election and the ballot will reflect an official designation. The top vote-getter for each party at the primary election moves on to the general election. Parties also elect officers of county central committees at the primary election.

A voter can only vote in the primary election of the political party he or she has disclosed a preference for upon registering to vote. However, a political party may allow a person who has declined to disclose a party preference to vote in that party's primary election.

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.

Nonpartisan State Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may NOT designate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

HOW TO USE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT

1. **POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE:** If you are not sure about your political party preference, look at the front of this booklet or at the address label on the back cover. You may also check your political party preference on our website at www.voteinfo.net or by calling (951) 486-7200.
If you chose a political party preference when registering to vote you will be issued an official ballot which will include that political party's U.S. Presidential and central committee candidates. Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan contests will also be included.
2. **NO PARTY PREFERENCE AND NONPARTISAN:** If you did not indicate a political party preference or you registered with an unqualified political party, then you will be issued the **No Party Preference / Nonpartisan** ballot. Your ballot will include congressional, state legislative, and nonpartisan contests, **not U.S. Presidential Candidates**. However, for this election, two parties are allowing cross over voting for their Presidential Candidates. You may request one of the following ballots:

Democratic Party

American Independent Party

3. **PARTISAN OFFICES in the SAMPLE BALLOT**
Look at the sample ballot pages that follow. Find the sample ballot pages for the appropriate political party, in order to review your official ballot choices for partisan offices.
If you are a no party preference voter and you choose to vote the nonpartisan ballot, you will not find any of the presidential candidates on your ballot.
4. **VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN SAMPLE BALLOT PAGES**
All voters are eligible to vote on the voter-nominated and nonpartisan portion of the ballot. Following the party sample ballot pages are the voter-nominated and nonpartisan offices, and state and local propositions and measures. The exact issues and offices on your ballot correspond to the location of your residence address, according to what jurisdictions have seats to fill and/or questions to ask.

HOW TO MARK YOUR 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 as you received it

**TO MARK YOUR VOTE
DRAW A LINE**



VOTE!!!

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

SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA EJEMPLAR

CONSOLIDATED PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION / ELECCIÓN PRESIDENCIAL PRIMARIA CONSOLIDADA

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY / PARTIDO DEMÓCRATA

No Party Preference / Nonpartisan Voters may request a DEMOCRATIC PARTY Ballot.
Please note you will not be allowed to vote for Members of their Central Committee.

Los Votantes Sin Preferencia de Partido / No Partidistas pueden solicitar una Boleta
para el PARTIDO DEMÓCRATA.

Por favor tome en cuenta que usted no podrá votar por los Miembros de su Comité Central.

FIND YOUR PARTY
on this page or the following pages
ENCUENTRE SU PARTIDO
en esta página, o en las siguientes

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS PARTIDOS
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS
Vote for One Vote por Uno
BARACK OBAMA

COUNTY COMMITTEE COMITÉ DEL CONDADO
Member, County Central Committee, 61st Assembly District Miembro, Comité Central del Condado, Asamblea Distrito Núm. 61
Vote for no more than Six Vote por no más de Seis
KATHERINE UNDERWOOD Teacher Maestra
GREGORY A. WILLIAMS Retired Engine Foreman Jefe de Motor Jubilado
CLARENCE S. WILLIAMS Retired Teacher Maestro Jubilado
RUTHEE GOLDKORN Civil Rights Consultant Consultora de Derechos Civiles
NINA RAMOS HIERS Public Services Technician Técnica de Servicios Públicos
SHEILA KAY RILEY Incumbent Titular
TISA I. RODRIGUEZ Environmental Planner Planificadora Ambiental
JAYSON D. SANDOVAL Field Representative Representante de Campo
GREGORY HAGANS Retired Office Specialist Especialista de la Oficina Jubilado
ROBERT MELSH College Instructor Profesor del Colegio
GWENDOLYN CROSS Incumbent Titular
VERONICA BURNETT-BURTON IT Healthcare Educator Educatora Informática del Cuidado de Salud
CHRISTOPHER BACA Incumbent Titular

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REPUBLICAN PARTY / PARTIDO REPUBLICANO

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PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS PARTIDOS	
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
NEWT GINGRICH	 
MITT ROMNEY	 
CHARLES E. "BUDDY" ROEMER, III	 
FRED KARGER	 
RICK SANTORUM	 
RON PAUL	 
	 



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AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY / PARTIDO AMERICANO INDEPENDIENTE

No Party Preference / Nonpartisan Voters may request an AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY Ballot.

Please note you will not be allowed to vote for Members of their Central Committee.

Los Votantes Sin Preferencia de Partido / No Partidistas pueden solicitar una Boleta para el PARTIDO AMERICANO INDEPENDIENTE.

Por favor tome en cuenta que usted no podrá votar por los Miembros de su Comité Central.

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PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES	
CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS PARTIDOS	
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES	
PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS	
	Vote for One Vote por Uno
EDWARD C. NOONAN	← 
MAD MAX RIEKSE	← 
LAURIE ROTH	← 
	← 



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GREEN PARTY / PARTIDO VERDE

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PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS PARTIDOS	
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
JILL STEIN	← 
KENT MESPLAY	← 
ROSEANNE BARR	← 
	← 



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LIBERTARIAN PARTY / PARTIDO LIBERTARIO

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PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS PARTIDOS	
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
GARY JOHNSON	 
R. J. HARRIS	 
CARL PERSON	 
BARBARA JOY WAYMIRE	 
LEE WRIGHTS	 
ROGER GARY	 
JAMES OGLE	 
SCOTT KELLER	 
BILL STILL	 
	 



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PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY / PARTIDO PAZ Y LIBERTAD

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PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS PARTIDOS	
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS	
	Vote for One Vote por Uno
ROSS C. "ROCKY" ANDERSON	← 
STEWART ALEXANDER	← 
STEPHEN DURHAM	← 
	← 

COUNTY COMMITTEE COMITÉ DEL CONDADO	
1st Supervisorial District Distrito de Supervisores 1	
	Vote for no more than Three Vote por no más de Tres
KEVIN AKIN Retired Steam Engineer Ingeniero de Vapor Jubilado	← 
MARGIE AKIN Retired Anthropologist / Archaeologist Antropóloga / Arqueóloga Jubilada	← 
	← 
	← 
	← 



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VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES / OFICINAS NOMINADOS POR LOS VOTANTES Y NO PARTIDISTA

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VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES / CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS VOTANTES	
UNITED STATES SENATOR SENADOR DE ESTADOS UNIDOS	
	Vote for One / Vote por Uno
DIANE STEWART Party Preference: Democratic / Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Businesswoman / Finance Manager / Empresaria / Gerente de Finanzas	 
NAK SHAH Party Preference: Democratic / Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Environmental Health Consultant / Consultor de Salud Ambiental	 
NACHUM SHIFREN Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Educator / Author / Businessman / Educador / Escritor / Empresario	 
DENNIS JACKSON Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Aerospace General Manager / Gerente General Aeroespacial	 
DAN HUGHES Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Small Business Owner / Propietario de Pequeña Empresa	 
GREG CONLON Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Businessman / CPA / Empresario / Contador Público Certificado	 
JOHN BORUFF Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Businessman / Empresario	 
OSCAR ALEJANDRO BRAUN Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Businessman / Rancher / Empresario / Ranchero	 
MARSHA FEINLAND Party Preference: Peace and Freedom / Preferencia de Partido: Paz y Libertad Retired Teacher / Maestra Jubilada	 
DIANNE FEINSTEIN Party Preference: Democratic / Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata United States Senator / Senadora de los Estados Unidos	 
COLLEEN SHEA FERNALD Party Preference: Democratic / Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Mother / Consultant / Artist / Madre / Consultora / Artista	 
ELIZABETH EMKEN Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Businesswoman / Nonprofit Executive / Empresaria / Ejecutiva de Organización sin Fines de Lucro	 
KABIRUDDIN KARIM ALI Party Preference: Peace and Freedom / Preferencia de Partido: Paz y Libertad Businessman / Empresario	 

Candidates for United States Senator continued on following page.

La Lista de los Candidatos de Senador de Estados Unidos Continúa en la Siguiete Página.



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UNITED STATES SENATOR SENADOR DE ESTADOS UNIDOS (continued/continuación)

RICK WILLIAMS Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Business Attorney / Abogado Empresarial	←	■
ROGELIO T. GLORIA Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Graduate Student / Businessman / Estudiante Graduado / Empresario	←	■
DON J. GRUNDMANN Party Preference: American Independent / Preferencia de Partido: Americano Independiente Doctor of Chiropractic / Doctor en Quiropráctica	←	■
ROBERT LAUTEN Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano	←	■
GAIL K. LIGHTFOOT Party Preference: Libertarian / Preferencia de Partido: Libertario Retired Nurse / Enfermera Jubilada	←	■
DAVID ALEX LEVITT Party Preference: Democratic / Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Computer Scientist / Engineer / Ingeniero en Computación / Ingeniero	←	■
ORLY TAITZ Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Doctor / Attorney / Businesswoman / Doctora / Abogada / Empresaria	←	■
AL RAMIREZ Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Businessman / Empresario	←	■
DIRK ALLEN KONOPIK Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano MBA Student / Estudiante de Maestría de Administración de Empresas	←	■
DONALD KRAMPE Party Preference: Republican / Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Retired Administration Director / Director de Administración Jubilado	←	■
MIKE STRIMLING Party Preference: Democratic / Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Consumer Rights Attorney / Abogado de Derechos del Consumidor	←	■
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VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS VOTANTES

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTANTE DE ESTADOS UNIDOS

41st Congressional District Distrito Congresional Núm. 41

Vote for One / Vote por Uno

MARK TAKANO

Party Preference: Democratic
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Teacher / College Trustee
Maestro / Regente Universitario

VINCE SAWYER

Party Preference: Republican
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Construction Supervisor / Carpenter
Supervisor de Construcción / Carpintero

GEORGE PEARNE

Party Preference: Republican
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Salesperson
Vendedor

ANNA NEVENIC

Party Preference: Democratic
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Registered Nurse / Author
Enfermera Registrada / Escritora

JOHN TAVAGLIONE

Party Preference: Republican
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Businessman / County Supervisor
Empresario / Supervisor del Condado

STATE SENATOR / SENADOR ESTATAL

31st Senatorial District Distrito Senatorial Núm. 31

Vote for One / Vote por Uno

RICHARD ROTH

Party Preference: Democratic
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Attorney / Small Businessperson
Abogado / Pequeño Empresario

JEFF MILLER

Party Preference: Republican
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Small Business Owner
Propietario de Pequeña Empresa

STEVE CLUTE

Party Preference: Democratic
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA DEL ESTADO

61st Assembly District Distrito de la Asamblea Núm. 61

Vote for One / Vote por Uno

FREDY R. DE LEON

Party Preference: None
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguna
School Board Member
Miembro de la Junta Escolar

JOE LUDWIG

Party Preference: Republican
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Consumer Resolution Facilitator
Asistente de Resolución de Asuntos del Consumidor

JOSE MEDINA

Party Preference: Democratic
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Teacher
Maestro

BILL BATEY

Party Preference: Republican
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Firefighter / City Councilmember
Bombero / Concejal Municipal

NONPARTISAN OFFICES CARGOS NO PARTIDARIOS

JUDICIAL / JUDICIAL

Judge of the Superior Court, Office #1 Juez del Tribunal Superior, Oficina #1

Vote for One
Vote por Uno

VICTORIA CAMERON

Superior Court Judge
Juez del Corte Superior

TOM ECKHARDT

Constitutional Lawyer
Abogado Constitucional

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Judge of the Superior Court, Office #2 Juez del Tribunal Superior, Oficina #2	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY Constitutional Defense Attorney Abogado de Defensa Constitucional	←
JAMES "JIM" COX Superior Court Judge Juez del Corte Superior	←
	←
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #9 Juez del Tribunal Superior, Oficina #9	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
CRAIG G. RIEMER Judge, Riverside Superior Court Juez del Corte Superior de Riverside	←
JOHN A. HENRY Sex Crimes Prosecutor Fiscal de Delitos Sexuales	←
	←
Judge of the Superior Court, Office #12 Juez del Tribunal Superior, Oficina #12	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
RICHARD T. NIXON Retired Riverside County Prosecutor Fiscal del Condado de Riverside Jubilado	←
GARY B. TRANBARGER Judge of the Superior Court Juez del Corte Superior	←
	←
SCHOOL / ESCOLAR	
Riverside County Board of Education Member, Miembro de Educación del Condado de Riverside, Trustee Area 3 / Fideicomisario Area 3	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
SUSAN J. RAINEY Retired Educator Educatora Jubilada	←
GWENDOLYN CROSS Retired School Employee Empleada Escolar Jubilada	←
	←

COUNTY / CONDADO	
County Supervisor, 1st Supervisorial District Supervisor del Condado, Distrito 1	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
MIKE SOUBIROUS Retired CHP Commander Jefe de la Patrulla de Caminos Jubilado	←
KEVIN JEFFRIES Small Business Owner Propietario de Pequeña Empresa	←
BOB BUSTER County Supervisor / Farmer Supervisor del Condado / Agricultor	←
	←
CITY / CIUDAD	
CITY OF RIVERSIDE CIUDAD DE RIVERSIDE	
Mayor / Alcalde	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
ED ADKISON Businessman Empresario	←
MIKE GARDNER Ward 1 Councilmember Concejal del Distrito 1	←
ANDY MELENDREZ Councilmember Concejal	←
AURORA CHAVEZ Community Volunteer Voluntaria en la Comunidad	←
RUSTY BAILEY Teacher / City Councilmember Maestro / Concejal Municipal	←
PETER BENAVIDEZ President / CEO Presidente / Funcionario Ejecutivo Principal	←
DVONNE M. PITRUZZELLO Teacher Maestra	←
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SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA EJEMPLAR

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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES

STATE / ESTADO

28

LIMITS ON LEGISLATORS' TERMS IN OFFICE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Reduces total amount of time a person may serve in the state legislature from 14 years to 12 years. Allows 12 years' service in one house. Applies only to legislators first elected after measure is passed. Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal effect on state or local governments.

LÍMITES A LOS PERÍODOS EN EL CARGO PARA LEGISLADORES. INICIATIVA PARA ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL. Reduce la cantidad de tiempo total que una persona puede servir en la legislatura estatal de 14 años a 12 años. Permite 12 años de servicio en una cámara. Se aplica solo a los legisladores elegidos por primera vez luego de que la iniciativa de ley sea aprobada. Impacto fiscal: No hay efecto fiscal directo en los gobiernos estatales o locales.

Yes / Sí

No / No

29

IMPOSES ADDITIONAL TAX ON CIGARETTES FOR CANCER RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Imposes additional \$1.00 per pack tax on cigarettes and an equivalent tax increase on other tobacco products. Revenues fund research for cancer and tobacco-related diseases. Fiscal Impact: Net increase in cigarette excise tax revenues of about \$735 million annually by 2013-14 for certain research and tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Other state and local revenue increases amounting to tens of millions of dollars annually.

IMPONE UN IMPUESTO ADICIONAL SOBRE LOS CIGARRILLOS PARA LA INVESTIGACIÓN DEL CÁNCER. INICIATIVA PARA PROMULGAR UN ESTATUTO. Impone un impuesto adicional de \$1.00 por paquete sobre los cigarrillos y un aumento equivalente de los impuestos sobre otros productos de tabaco. Las rentas financian las investigaciones del cáncer y enfermedades relacionadas con el tabaco. Impacto fiscal: Aumento neto en las rentas por el impuesto al consumo de cigarrillos de alrededor de \$735 millones anuales para el 2013-14 para ciertos programas de investigación y prevención y cesación del tabaquismo. Otros aumentos de las rentas estatales y locales que ascienden a decenas de millones de dólares anuales.

Yes / Sí

No / No

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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES

CITY / CIUDAD

CITY OF RIVERSIDE / CIUDAD DE RIVERSIDE

E

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to include a new Charter officer, the City Auditor, appointed by the City Council, with the powers and duties of the City Auditor set by ordinance of the City Council?

¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para incluir un nuevo funcionario por estatuto: el auditor municipal, nombrado por el concejo municipal, con los poderes y las obligaciones del auditor municipal definidos por ordenanza del concejo municipal?

Yes / Sí

No / No

F

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended by adding a new section 811, entitled "Commission on Sustainability," which would create a new commission to advise the Mayor and City Council on matters of sustainability as it pertains to environmental stewardship, economic development, and regional advantages as a means of pursuing a higher quality of life, with the powers and duties of that commission set by ordinance of the City Council?

¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside agregando una nueva sección 811 titulada "Comisión sobre sustentabilidad", que crearía una nueva comisión para aconsejar al alcalde y al concejo municipal sobre cuestiones de sustentabilidad según se relacionen con administración ambiental, desarrollo económico y ventajas regionales como medio para buscar una calidad de vida más alta, con los poderes y obligaciones de dicha comisión definidos por ordenanza del concejo municipal?

Yes / Sí

No / No

G

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to provide that if in the June election for City Council, no candidate for City Council receives a majority of the total votes cast, that the run-off election be held on the last Tuesday in August instead of on the first Tuesday in November?

¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para requerir que si en la elección de junio para concejo municipal, ningún candidato para el concejo municipal recibe una mayoría del total de votos emitidos, que la elección de segunda vuelta se celebre el último martes de agosto en lugar del primer martes de noviembre?

Yes / Sí

No / No

H

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to eliminate the authority of the City Manager to approve or disapprove appointments and removals of subordinate employees of any Charter officer, including the City Clerk and City Attorney?

¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para eliminar la autoridad del administrador municipal para aprobar o desaprobar nombramientos y despidos de empleados subordinados de cualquier funcionario del estatuto, incluyendo el secretario municipal y el abogado municipal?

Yes / Sí

No / No

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I Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to remove oversight of the maintenance of parkways, shrubs, and trees within street right-of-way from the Park and Recreation Commission? ¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para eliminar de la Comisión de parques y recreación la supervisión del mantenimiento de avenidas arboladas, arbustos y árboles dentro del derecho de vía de las calles?	Yes / Sí	←	■
	No / No	←	■
J Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to provide that bids for public works contracts be advertised by electronic means instead of in the newspaper? ¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para requerir que las licitaciones de contratos de obras públicas se anuncien por medios electrónicos en lugar de hacerlo en el periódico?	Yes / Sí	←	■
	No / No	←	■

K Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended by making certain non-substantive updates, related to change of position titles, elimination of paper copy distribution of certain documents to City officials, posting of certain documents (budget, external audit) on the internet, word corrections, deletion of obsolete language, reflection of current practices, elimination of references to taxes no longer being collected, adding "accessible" before "website" throughout the Charter, and timing of the Charter Review process? ¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para que se hagan ciertas actualizaciones no sustanciales relacionadas con el cambio de títulos de puestos, la eliminación de distribución impresa de ciertos documentos a funcionarios municipales, la publicación de ciertos documentos (presupuesto, auditoría externa) en Internet, correcciones de palabras, eliminación de lenguaje obsoleto, consideración de prácticas actuales, eliminación de referencias a impuestos que ya no se cobran, agregando "accesible" antes de "sitio web" en todo el estatuto, y programando las fechas para el proceso de revisión del estatuto?	Yes / Sí	←	■
	No / No	←	■



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SCHOOL / ESCOLAR

VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRITO ESCOLAR UNIFICADO DE VAL VERDE

L To protect the quality of education in our local schools, relieve overcrowding and provide safe/modern schools, shall the Val Verde Unified School District update computers/technology in classrooms/science labs/libraries; provide facilities/equipment for career training/education; make funds available to attract /retain qualified teachers and protect academic instruction; construct new high school facilities to relieve overcrowding by issuing \$178 million in bonds at legal interest rates with annual audits, independent oversight and all funds staying local?

Para proteger la calidad de la educación en nuestras escuelas locales, aliviar el atestamiento y brindar escuelas seguras y modernas, ¿deberá el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Val Verde actualizar computadoras/tecnología en salones de clase/laboratorios de ciencia/bibliotecas; suministrar instalaciones/equipo para capacitación/educación para carreras; tener fondos disponibles para atraer/retener maestros calificados y proteger la instrucción académica; construir nuevas instalaciones de escuelas secundarias para aliviar el atestamiento al emitir \$178 millones en bonos con tasas de interés legales, con auditorías anuales, supervisión independiente y con todos los fondos quedándose a nivel local?

Bonds Yes / Bonos Sí



Bonds No / Bonos No



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 in the candidate handbook 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.

Campaign Finance Reform

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on ballots in Riverside County, 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.

This list covers all legislative districts in the County. Not all districts will appear on your ballot.

STATE SENATE, 23RD DISTRICT

Bill Emmerson, Republican
Melissa Ruth O'Donnell, Democratic

STATE SENATE, 31ST DISTRICT

Steve Clute, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 42ND DISTRICT

Brian Nestande, Republican
Mark Anthony Orozco, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 56TH DISTRICT

Corky Reynaga-Emett, Republican
V. Manuel Perez, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 60TH DISTRICT

Eric Linder, Republican
Greg Kraft, Republican
Stan Skipworth, Republican
José Luis Pérez, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 61ST DISTRICT

Fredy R. De Leon, No Party Preference
Joe Ludwig, Republican
Jose Medina, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 67TH DISTRICT

William T. Akana, Republican
Kenneth C. Dickson, Republican
Bob Magee, Republican
Melissa Melendez, Republican
Phil Paule, Republican

STATE ASSEMBLY, 71ST DISTRICT

John McLaughlin, Republican
Brian W. Jones, Republican
Patrick J. Hurley, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 75TH DISTRICT

Marie Waldron, Republican

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:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator
Raul Ruiz, United States Representative, 36th District
Mark Takano, United States Representative, 41st District
Steve Clute, State Senator, 31st District
Mark Anthony Orozco, Member of the State Assembly, 42nd District
V. Manuel Perez, Member of the State Assembly, 56th District
Jose Medina, Member of the State Assembly, 61st District

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Elizabeth Emken, United States Senator
Mary Bono Mack, United States Representative, 36th District
John Tavaglione, United States Representative, 41st District
Ken Calvert, United States Representative, 42nd District
Duncan D. Hunter, United States Representative, 50th District
Jeff Miller, State Senator, 31st District
Brian Nestande, Member of the State Assembly, 42nd District
Corky Reynaga-Emett, Member of the State Assembly, 56th District
Eric Linder, Member of the State Assembly, 60th District
Bill Batey, Member of the State Assembly, 61st District
Brian W. Jones, Member of the State Assembly, 71st District
Marie Waldron, Member of the State Assembly, 75th District

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY

Robert Lauten, United States Senator
Vince Sawyer, United States Representative, 41st District
Eva Johnson, United States Representative, 42nd District
Duncan D. Hunter, United States Representative, 50th District
Bill Emmerson, State Senator, 23rd District
Jeff Miller, State Senator, 31st District
Brian W. Jones, Member of the State Assembly, 71st District

PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY

Marsha Feinland, United States Senator

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

ANNA NEVENIC, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Registered Nurse, Author

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Politics as usual is not an option.

I am running for Congress because I want to bring real change to government and use all my energy and expertise to work on behalf of senior citizens, children, and working families in Riverside County. I value honesty and integrity, and will be your true voice, as there are no wealthy special interest groups bankrolling my campaign.

As a registered nurse, author, and community activist, I have always put the interests of others above my own. As your congresswoman, I promise to fight to end funding for America's wars abroad, bring resources home, and invest in rebuilding our country. We need to refocus our resources and keep our promise to elderly Americans by protecting Medicare and Social Security, as well as securing the future for the next generation by making college tuition affordable. National security requires investment in education, infrastructure, clean energy, and high technology.

Monetary campaign contributions influence legislation that affects people's lives. This influence is pervasive throughout our government, affecting what legislation is introduced, and what becomes law. Lawmakers give away taxpayers' money to the corporations who pay for them to get elected.

I am confident that together we can change the undue influence of big money in politics and the forces that are corrupting our democracy. I will work for social, economic, and environmental justice, and to prevent further erosion of women's rights, but I can only do this with your support and your vote.

Anna Nevenic

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

JOHN TAVAGLIONE, Republican AGE: 63
OCCUPATION: Businessman / County Supervisor
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Disgusted by what's going on in Congress?

Join my campaign to fix what's wrong with Washington and get America working again.

I'm a businessman and local elected official who knows how to REBUILD THE ECONOMY.

In Congress, I'll oppose the deficit spending that damaged our economy, created a \$14 trillion national debt and mortgaged our children's future.

I'll fight for middle class jobs, OPPOSE WALL STREET BANK BAILOUTS, close unfair tax loopholes, promote tax incentives for employers who create new jobs, and eliminate excessive regulations that drive jobs to China.

As County Supervisor, I HELPED CREATE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF NEW JOBS that generated in excess of a billion dollars in economic activity.

I'm working to make our county a leader in renewable energy jobs and will fight to make the U.S. energy independent to get gas prices down.

I am also pushing to create new, high-paying jobs at UC Riverside by building a new medical school.

As County Supervisor, I BALANCED THE BUDGET by cutting waste. I'm a FISCAL CONSERVATIVE who SAVED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS consolidating county agencies and enacting pension reform.

In Congress, I'll fight to cut government waste and ensure America keeps its promise to retirees by protecting Medicare and Social Security programs.

I'm a U.S. Army veteran determined to get our nation back on track and get America working again.

My campaign has been endorsed by Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge as well as majorities of the Riverside, Perris, Moreno Valley, and Jurupa Valley City Councils.

www.JohnTavaglioneForCongress.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

MARK TAKANO, Democratic AGE: 51
OCCUPATION: Teacher / Riverside Community College Board Trustee
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

MARK TAKANO will bring a new focus on creating jobs and expanding local economic development to Congress as our next representative from Riverside County.

MARK TAKANO is a lifelong resident of Riverside County and a Democratic leader who understands the needs of local families. Mark has served our community as a classroom teacher and an elected Trustee of the Riverside Community College District. Throughout his life, Mark has dedicated himself to improving local schools, increasing access to college and expanding critical job training programs.

MARK TAKANO'S commitment to fighting for working families has earned him the support of the California Democratic Party, California Teachers Association, California League of Conservation Voters, Democrats of Greater Riverside, United Democrats of Moreno Valley, and Community Leaders throughout Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris and Jurupa Valley.

MARK TAKANO will work to increase school funding, clean our air, improve our healthcare system and ensure our community receives our fair share of funding for street repairs, public safety and services for veterans.

MARK TAKANO represents our best opportunity to break from failed Republican leadership in Riverside County and bring needed change to Congress.

"I'm running for Congress because I care deeply about this community, a place where diverse families come to live and achieve the American Dream. Riverside County is ready for change and I have the experience necessary to be an effective advocate for our community in Washington, DC. I respectfully ask for your vote and support."

-Mark Takano

www.marktakano.com (951) 776-4900

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
STATE SENATOR,
31ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

STEVE CLUTE, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Non Profit Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Following a career as a Navy jet pilot, I was elected to the State Assembly five times. I authored the School Facilities Bond Act of 1990 and the Veteran's Bond Measure of 1988. After working years in education, business development and the non-profit sector, I wish to return to Sacramento as your State Senator for the 31st State Senate District. I believe my experience is vital to a legislature which appears dysfunctional and lacks solutions to serious problems.

I am a Democrat who is conservative on fiscal issues and moderate on social issues.

I am pro small business, pro collective bargaining, pro veteran and pro working man/woman.

I support funding for key services from law enforcement, education, fire and medical care access which realistically match Riverside County's high growth rate.

I support the establishment of a UC Riverside medical school.

I married Pamela in 1977 and she teaches mathematics at UC Riverside.

I pledge to you that I will place your interests as constituents above my self-interest. I will be a problem solver. I will be accessible and I will listen to what you say.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

(951) 264-9304

www.SteveCluteForStateSenate2012.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
61ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

JOE LUDWIG, Republican

AGE: 41

OCCUPATION: Consumer Resolution Facilitator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been a resident of Riverside since 1991. In that time, I have come to develop an understanding of the issues facing Riverside County and the people that live here. That is why I am running for the State Assembly.

As your Assemblyman, I will work to put in place policies that make state government more efficient, effective, and equitable. I will strive for educational policies that empower teachers and parents at the local level. And I am committed to balancing California's budget by reducing spending, streamlining government, and investing prudently in the infrastructure and services Californians expect, without raising taxes.

As an hourly employee, I understand the needs of those who live paycheck to paycheck. As someone who has worked in both the public and private sectors, I have sought out employment that allows me to solve problems and help others. These are also the reasons why I chose to return to college. After attending Riverside Community College in the 1990's, I transferred to California Baptist University, where I received my Bachelors Degree *cum laude* in 2010 and my Masters of Public Administration in 2011.

I am endorsed by State Senator Joel Anderson and School Trustee Greg Kraft, as well as many members of the community. I am a member of Eden Lutheran Church, where I serve on the church Council and Property Committee. As your Assemblyman, I will work tirelessly to resolve the issues facing California today. I would appreciate your vote.

www.joeludwig.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
61ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

JOSE MEDINA, Democratic

AGE: 59

OCCUPATION: Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a teacher and former Riverside Community College District Trustee, I have served the people of this district and I understand the collective challenges we face.

Forty years ago, I came to this community as a student at UC Riverside and saw firsthand the value of a quality education. In these troubled times, when our friends and families are losing their jobs and when students lack access to higher education, we need leaders who will not only confront the vast challenges of our state, but understand how education and job creation factor into the solutions.

Our economy will not recover until the job market improves, the unemployment rate falls and the spirit of entrepreneurship is restored throughout California. That is exactly what I will work to accomplish as your Assemblyman.

It is time to put Riverside County back to work.

To expand educational opportunities and promote job growth, I helped oversee the accreditation of Moreno Valley College. This campus now provides world-class education to more than 7,000 students each semester—training them to enter our workforce.

I will use this same results-driven and pragmatic approach in Sacramento when working collaboratively to advocate for smart, business-friendly economic development in our region.

I am proud to have the endorsement of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association, the California Democratic Party, as well as bipartisan support from local officials and leaders in business and labor throughout Riverside County.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

www.medinaforassembly.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 1**

VICTORIA CAMERON

OCCUPATION: Superior Court Judge

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

In 2010 I was honored to be appointed a Superior Court Judge. I believe it is important for a Judge to fairly administer justice by upholding the law because it is vital that we trust the integrity of our courts. They must administer fair and impartial justice. I preside over criminal cases and have never had a case overturned.

Previously I served the people of Riverside County as a Senior Deputy District Attorney specializing in gang murder and child molestation prosecutions and was on the Homicide On-Call Team, responding to major crime scenes to assist law enforcement officers.

Additionally, I taught at Desert College of Law and San Bernardino Valley College. I volunteer in the community and, among other things, go to schools to educate children about the dangers of crime and drugs.

My commitment to justice and upholding our laws has earned me the support of many community leaders including numerous Judges, private attorneys, Sheriff Stan Sniff, the Riverside Sheriffs' Association, the District Attorneys for whom I worked, Grover Trask and Rod Pacheco, the Riverside County Deputy District Attorneys' Association, and many others.

I would be honored to have your vote to continue serving you as a Judge.

www.judgevictoriacameron.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 1**

THOMAS ECKHARDT

AGE: 61

OCCUPATION: Constitutional Lawyer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I strongly believe that the standard set for judges thousands of years ago is as true today as it was then: *"You shall not give an unjust decision; do not be partial to the poor nor show favor to the rich; but rather judge your neighbor fairly in the same manner as your own family to be judged."*

I will keep this standard on my desk and promise you that I will do my best to live up to this standard; whether it be about us, our property or the safety of our neighborhoods, schools and children. My 17 years as a Prosecutor and 14 years as Defense Counsel has given me the maturity, broad life experience and knowledge to be a fair and impartial Judge.

I live in Indio with my wife Yvonne, the daughter of Guadalupe Orduno Guerrero and our daughter Elena. I was born in Long Beach, the son of a navy veteran and a beautician. I picked fruit to work my way through school. I am a graduate of the University of Washington and McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Tom Eckhardt

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 2**

JAMES "JIM" COX

AGE: 59

OCCUPATION: Superior Court Judge

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am James Cox, and it has been my privilege to serve the people of Riverside County for 15 years as Judge.

For the last eight years I have served as the Court's Supervising Probate Judge. In probate we protect elderly persons who are under conservatorship, and children who are under guardianship. I also preside over inheritance disputes, sometimes involving millions of dollars.

I have previously presided over thousands of criminal cases carefully preserving the rights of defendants to a fair trial as well as the rights of vulnerable crime victims, especially children and the elderly, whose rights also must be considered and stories told.

I attended Hemet public schools, received my college degree at UC Irvine, then graduated with honors from Pepperdine Law School. Before being appointed as Judge, I practiced law for 18 years, ten as the City Attorney for the City of San Jacinto.

I am endorsed by all of the 58 Judges who are now serving the courts of this county, plus 13 retired Judges. I serve on the Court's Executive Committee in addition to courtroom duties.

I ask for your vote so that I may continue to provide the court and public with my experience and commitment to justice.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 9**

CRAIG G. RIEMER AGE: 57
OCCUPATION: Judge, Riverside County Superior Court
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been a Superior Court Judge for nearly nine years. I have upheld the law, protected the rights of crime victims, and held both lawyers and criminals accountable.

I have presided over 168 criminal trials, including murder, rape, child molestation and assault with a deadly weapon. I have sentenced criminals to death, life without possibility of parole, and life behind bars under the Three Strikes Law.

I am endorsed by public safety leaders Sheriff Stan Sniff, retired Sheriffs Cois Byrd and Larry Smith and the Riverside City Firefighters Association; Senator Bill Emmerson, retired Senator Robert Presley; County Supervisors Bob Buster, Marion Ashley, John Benoit; Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge; 64 active and 31 retired Superior Court Judges; and 24 past presidents of the County Bar Association.

I graduated from UC Riverside (1977) and UCLA Law School (1980). I worked in private practice for 10 years and at the Court of Appeal for 13 years before being appointed a Judge. I have lived in Riverside since 1980 with my wife of 34 years, Judy, a retired Riverside County public health nurse.

Your vote will allow me to continue to devote my knowledge, experience and judgment to serve and protect the public.

www.ReElectJudgeCraigRiemer.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 9**

JOHN A. HENRY
OCCUPATION: Supervising Deputy District Attorney
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Sex Crimes Prosecutor JOHN HENRY is the clear choice of law enforcement, public safety and victims advocacy groups to be Riverside County's next Superior Court Judge, endorsed by:

District Attorney Paul Zellerbach

Judge Patrick Magers (ret.)

Judge John Malloy

Association of Riverside County Chiefs of Police

Corona Firefighters Association

Corona Police Officers Association

Hemet Police Officers Association

Indio Police Command Unit, Palm Springs Police Officers Association

Riverside County Deputy District Attorneys Association

Riverside Police Officers Association, Riverside Sheriffs Association

Citizens for Law & Order, Crime Victims Action Alliance

"With nearly twelve years of public service in the courtroom, sex crimes prosecutor JOHN HENRY has garnered a reputation for being knowledgeable, fair-minded, humble and even-tempered. His experience as a trial attorney will no doubt translate into sound decision making as a Riverside County Superior Court Judge, dispensing justice fairly and impartially" – Sergeant Ron Whitt, Riverside Police Officers Association

"Working side by side with JOHN HENRY, he has proven to be a man who advocates for victims' rights, fairness and justice. JOHN HENRY's dedication to the community and law enforcement make him the logical choice for judge" – Detective Robert Masson, Riverside Sheriffs Association

VOTE JUNE 5 FOR PROSECUTOR JOHN HENRY FOR JUDGE, OFFICE #9
www.johnhenry4judge.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 12**

RICHARD T. NIXON

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Deputy District Attorney, retired
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

For 18 years I had the honor of serving the people of Riverside County as a Deputy District Attorney. Now it would be my honor to serve you as a Judge.

My judicial philosophy is clear. A judge must always uphold the Constitution and follow the law. Justice must be fair, firm, and unbiased. Convicted criminals should be sentenced appropriately and crime victims' rights protected.

As a Deputy District Attorney I handled thousands of cases, successfully prosecuting career criminals, gang members, and drug dealers. I helped Riverside County's Drug Court Program gain national prominence. I also developed Riverside County's Environmental Crime Prosecution Program and convicted developers for illegally dumping hazardous waste.

Assigned to the American Prosecutors Research Institute, I created a national center to support local environmental crime prosecutions to protect our land, air, and water.

My record as a prosecutor has earned me the support of Riverside County's Deputy District Attorneys.

Since my retirement I have operated a part-time law practice handling matters of juvenile dependency and criminal law. My wife is a school teacher. We've been married 29 years and have two children in college.

I would be honored to have your vote to serve you as a Judge.

www.richardnixonforjudge.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 12**

GARY B. TRANBARGER

AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: Superior Court Judge
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

When Governor Pete Wilson appointed me to the bench in 1994, I was a supervising deputy district attorney with 16 years experience in the Riverside County DA's Office. I was named "Prosecutor of the Year" in 1990 for my success in homicide trials.

Since being confirmed by judicial elections in 1994, 2000, and 2006, I have presided over hundreds of jury trials, including cases of murder, child abuse, DUI, medical malpractice and business disputes.

I promise to continue to do what I have done every day for the last 18 years as a judge: To treat every person who appears before me with dignity and to make all my decisions based solely on the law and the particular facts of each case without regard for outside influences.

My endorsers include: District Attorney Paul Zellerbach, Sheriff Stan Sniff, Former DA Grover Trask, appellate justices, current judges, retired judges, lawyers, prosecutors, community leaders, and members of the community.

My wife, Janet, and I moved to Riverside 34 years ago. We raised our family here. We owe a lot to the Riverside County community.

I now ask the community for your continued trust – and for your vote.

Thank you.

Judge Gary Tranbarger

www.reelectjudgetranbarger.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER,
TRUSTEE AREA 3**

SUSAN J. RAINEY

AGE: 65

OCCUPATION: Retired Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

In these difficult financial times, we must actively work to gain efficiencies in our public schools through strategic partnerships with businesses, and other creative funding. Such coalitions will support academic excellence despite limited state resources.

My record of achievement in education and in community service is clear:

- 40 year career in educational leadership
- Superintendent, Riverside Unified (10 years), retired
- Doctorate, Educational Administration, USC
- Superintendent of the Year, Assn. of Calif. School Administrators
- Past President, California City School Superintendents
- Board Member, Riverside County Philharmonic, Riverside Library Foundation, United Way

I also believe that active bodies support active brains and help create leaders. My record of support of student sports includes:

- CIF Southern Section, Executive Committee
- UC Riverside Athletic Assn, Executive Committee
- Riverside Sports Hall of Fame, Leadership Award

I would be honored to continue my service to the students and taxpayers of Riverside County by representing Area 3 on the Board of Trustees.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
COUNTY SUPERVISOR,
1ST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

MIKE SOUBIROUS

AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Retired CHP Commander

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Politics as usual can't fix Riverside County.

Our county has an \$80 million budget deficit. Unemployment is 12.5%. We lack the jail space needed to house the convicted criminals being transferred from state prison under the state's new realignment plan. This has led to criminals being released early from our jails.

To fix these problems, we need to change direction, encourage new ideas and hold government accountable. I support term limits for our Board of Supervisors, and believe their salaries should be reduced and their pensions eliminated. Public office should be a civic-minded honor, not a way to get rich.

I'm a fourth generation Californian, an Eagle Scout, and a law enforcement professional who has lived and worked in Riverside County for 31 years. I recently retired as an Acting Commander of the California Highway Patrol after 29 years of service to our community.

To protect tax money, I'll fight irresponsible spending and protect vital services like fire and police protection. To create jobs, I'll work for policies that encourage businesses to locate and expand in Riverside County. To give you trust in county government, I'll work to solve problems - not create them.

(951) 515-1663

mike4supervisor.org

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
COUNTY SUPERVISOR,
1ST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

KEVIN JEFFRIES

AGE: 51

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm a small business owner and family man who served 29 years as a Riverside County Volunteer Firefighter.

My priorities: bring jobs to Riverside County, keep our communities safe, protect our private property rights and our quality of life, and put an end to the lavish giveaways of taxpayer money.

Reform must start at the top. County Supervisors' six-figure salaries and pensions must be cut.

If elected, I will:

Reduce bloated salaries, pensions and benefits

Refuse to take a taxpayer funded pension

Reform and eliminate layers of bureaucracies and regulations

Attract businesses and jobs to Riverside County

Continue my efforts for future improvements of Hwy-91 and I-15

Be accessible

I've led efforts to protect taxpayer rights. I personally opposed raising your vehicle tax, income tax and sales tax, saving families nearly \$1000 per year.

I opposed the disastrous state prisoner transfer, which allowed the early release of felons back into our communities.

Proudly endorsed by:

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

National Tax Limitation Committee

Riverside County Deputy District Attorney's Association

California Small Business Association

Riverside County Farm Bureau

I'll remind county government they work for us, we don't work for them.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries

www.KevinJeffries.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
COUNTY SUPERVISOR,
1ST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

BOB BUSTER

AGE: 67

OCCUPATION: Riverside County Supervisor / Citrus Farmer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a U.S. Army veteran and native of Riverside County.

FISCAL CONSERVATIVE. I led efforts to reform public employee pensions, knowing it could anger those receiving benefits. But the system was not sustainable and left taxpayers holding the bag. Now the unions are funding campaigns against me.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVOCATE. The reforms I pushed save taxpayers more than \$860 million over the next ten years. As a result, more money is available to strengthen law enforcement and fire protection in your community and improve basic county services without raising your taxes!

JOB CREATOR. I helped bring new businesses and thousands of new jobs to Hunter Research Park and March Air Reserve Base. I also led efforts to make County Hospital the main teaching hospital for the planned UC Riverside Medical School, bringing even more good-paying jobs.

TRAFFIC RELIEVER. I was the first to call for elimination of 91 Toll Road restrictions so new free lanes could be built to reduce congestion. Further expansion will create 16,200 jobs. I required developers pay transportation fees totaling over \$544 million to improve roads, railroad crossings and interchanges.

Call me at home (951) 780-3205 or see www.bobbuster.com. I appreciate your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

ED ADKISON

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

For 32 years, my wife and I have called Riverside home. This is where we raised our children and where they are raising their children. It is where we started and still own our business.

As Mayor, my extensive business and strong decision-making experience will assist me in making job creation a top priority. I will work to make Riverside friendly and attractive to businesses that create the private sector jobs we desperately need.

Secondly, I will improve fiscal responsibility at City Hall. City spending must be reeled in by cutting wasteful spending and excessive salaries. As Mayor, I will voluntarily reduce my pay and significantly reduce overall mayoral office expenses.

Thirdly, I will ensure an open-door policy at City Hall. Decisions must be made openly, with public input-not behind closed doors. The Mayor's office should be moved to the first floor of City Hall, making the Mayor more accessible to the public.

As the City of Arts and Innovation, we must cultivate leading health care, excellent education, and an abundance of recreation and entertainment opportunities.

We must never forget that the most important part of Riverside is the families that call it home.

Ed Adkison

(951) 323-8265

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

MIKE GARDNER

AGE: 64

OCCUPATION: Ward 1 Councilmember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have a vision of Riverside's future. I want to rebuild our manufacturing base and attract new white collar jobs, create a sustainable community for future generations to enjoy, and make local government activities more transparent.

Riverside has made huge strides in recent years, gaining a position in the state and national spotlight far above other cities of our size, and I am proud of the role I have played in this as a Councilmember and as a resident. Moving forward, we need the right leadership to continue to grow and attract the businesses and industries we want: clean manufacturing, health care, research, and technology. Otherwise, we risk sliding backward to become a place of cheap dirt and warehouses.

The selection of Riverside's next mayor is critical. With our long-time mayor retiring, a new city manager, and budget turmoil resulting from the dissolution of Redevelopment, Riverside's next mayor must be a proven leader and a consensus builder. Our city needs someone with a firm understanding of what Riverside is, a vision of what Riverside can be, and the experience and skills to achieve that vision.

Please contact me with questions or suggestions. I would appreciate your vote.

Mike

Mike@mMikeforMayor2012.com

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

ANDY MELENDREZ

AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: Self Employed

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a native Riversider, a 30 year business owner and twice elected to City Council representing Ward 2, I have a deep commitment to the community. My professional goal is to be a hard working leader by creating varied opportunities for our citizens. My objectives include job creation, educational opportunities, fiscal responsibility, transparency, and historical preservation

My work ethic has helped bring a manufacturer to our community; this brought 115 new jobs to the area. I helped secure a vocational school on University Avenue; I've introduced the STEM program to our library, launched a successful Youth Opera Program and plan to begin a City Music school this spring. Further, I developed a partnership between the schools and the Library's summer reading program which increased from 350 to over 1,600 participants in two years. Currently, I am working to bring professional sports, a state of the art solar assembly plant and an alternative energy showroom to Riverside. Finally, I also advocate for the UCR Medical School which will produce medical and economic growth.

Our future relies on electing a hard working effective Mayor with proven leadership and entrepreneurial skills to grow and develop Riverside. Melendrez for Mayor 2012.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

RUSTY BAILEY

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Teacher / City Councilmember / Veteran

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I believe in Riverside and am committed to its future.

Born and raised here, I graduated from West Point, flew helicopters in the U.S. Army, and earned a master's degree in public policy from UCLA. Then I returned home. I'm in my tenth year teaching (named an RUSD "Teacher of the Year") and fifth year serving on the city council.

My commitment to problem-solving, transparency, and ethics is the foundation of my service. I am an independent voice, constrained neither by politics nor special interests.

I am a champion of responsible, responsive governance. I will continue the vision that makes Riverside a model city – Clean and Green, Sister Cities, Business and Education Partnerships. I believe that, together, we can build on our progress in making Riverside a true hub of innovation by welcoming new industries, supporting local businesses, and creating quality jobs for our graduates and residents. Riversiders deserve a vibrant, healthy, and educated community.

I'd be honored to have your vote and serve as your mayor, so that we can continue to revitalize Riverside. My two daughters – and every generation – should be proud of their mayor. I intend to ensure that happens.

www.RustyBailey.com

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IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “E”

City of Riverside Measure “E”

(Creation of a New Charter Officer, the City Auditor –Charter Section 700)

If approved by a majority of the voters, this Measure would amend the Riverside City Charter to include a new Charter officer, the City Auditor, appointed by the City Council, with the powers and duties of the City Auditor set by ordinance of the Riverside City Council.

The Riverside City Charter currently provides for the appointment, by the Riverside City Council, of three Charter officers: the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the City Manager. This Measure, if approved by a majority of the voters, would add an additional Charter officer, the City Auditor. The powers and duties of the City Auditor would only be set by the Riverside City Council through the adoption of an ordinance, and would not be set forth in the Riverside City Charter.

If this Measure is approved, no immediate fiscal impact is anticipated. Ultimately, the structure of the Office of the City Auditor as outlined in a future ordinance would dictate whether additional funding will be required. Possible changes could include funding for additional staff, as well as the creation of new classifications and/or revisions to salaries for existing classifications. Absent such changes, the City of Riverside has indicated that the existing budget of the City Manager's Office Internal Audit Division would remain sufficient to fund the City Auditor.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in any new City powers.

Dated: March 19, 2012

By: Gregory P. Priamos
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure “E”. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk’s Office at (951) 826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “E”

The Charter should be changed to provide for the appointment of a City Auditor reporting directly to the City Council. Currently the city auditor reports to the City Manager. Separation of duties ensures that financial execution and review are not overseen by the same person. Separation is improved when the auditor is appointed by and reports directly to the City Council which is consistent with their overall fiduciary role. There would be no direct cost increase resulting from this change. The current staff and functions would simply be moved to report to the City Council instead of the city manager. The annual, legally-required, external audit would not be affected.

Many large cities in California have council-appointed city auditors. The increased independence of the audit function fosters transparency, citizen confidence, and legislative accountability. It should be noted that this item was the single most requested suggestion by those testifying before the Charter Review Committee in 2011. The consistent theme of the comments is that this new position will increase citizen confidence in the decisions made by City management in terms of both fiscal and operational matters.

To provide flexibility over time, the exact powers and duties of the City Auditor would be detailed by ordinance adopted by the City Council. The duties would likely include financial performance and special operational audits, development of an annual audit plan, and regular reports to the City Council.

We recommend a yes vote on Measure “E”

By: Montgomery Van Wart, Charter Review Committee Member

Peter Benavidez, Charter Review Committee Member

Joan Donahue, Riverside League of Women Voters, President

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE “E”

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “F”

City of Riverside Measure “F”

(Creation of the Commission on Sustainability - new Charter Section 811)

If approved by a majority of the voters, this Measure would amend the Riverside City Charter to add section 811, entitled “Commission on Sustainability.” The measure will create a new commission to advise the Mayor and City Council on matters of sustainability as it pertains to environmental stewardship, economic development, and regional advantages as a means of pursuing a higher quality of life. The powers and duties of that commission would be set by ordinance of the Riverside City Council.

If the Measure is approved by the voters, the Charter would specifically provide that the Commission on Sustainability is prohibited from having any supervisory powers over the actions or duties of City employees or the operations of City Departments, or other Boards or Commissions, or from having any authority or discretion which would supersede or conflict with authority otherwise vested in the City Council or any other Board, Commission or body by the Charter, State or Municipal law.

If this Measure is approved, no immediate fiscal impact is anticipated. Current Riverside City staff would assist the new Commission on Sustainability in carrying out its duties and functions. Ultimately, the powers and duties of the commission as outlined in a future ordinance would dictate whether additional funding will be required, although no such additional funding is anticipated.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in the creation of any new City powers.

Dated: March 19, 2012

By: Gregory P. Priamos
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure “F”. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk’s Office at (951) 826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “F”

The proposed Sustainability Commission would advise the Mayor and City Council on the protection and development of efficient governance principles, economic development, and environmental stewardship. This commission's placement in the City Charter makes sustainability a planning and visioning priority with a formal citizen voice.

As a charter commission, it ensures that matters relating to the long term vitality of the city are not overlooked and that complimentary efforts throughout the commissions and boards are coordinated toward effectiveness and efficiency by institutionalizing a venue where innovative ideas and solutions can be presented and discussed in an atmosphere of proactive study. This will fortify Riverside’s proud tradition of independence, forward thinking, and regional leadership, provide for economic vitality long into the city’s future, and ensure that it has enough resources to sustain Riverside’s quality of life.

The powers of and duties of the Commission include: 1. Assemble information and report periodically to the Mayor and City Council, making recommendations and advising them on matters of efficiency, environmental mitigation/enhancement, and sustainable economic development; 2. Facilitate coordination between existing and proposed programs for community and economic sustainability; 3. Research and report to the Mayor and City Council on studies as may be assigned by the City Council.

This Commission or any member will not have supervisory powers over the actions or duties of City employees, the operations of City Departments or other boards and commissions. The commission will not set policy or require any entity within the city to appear before it for approval of any plan or action. No recommendation or decision of the Commission will supersede the authority otherwise vested in the City Council or any board, commission or body created by the Charter, State or Municipal laws. The Commission will not have the authority to create or institute any fees.

By: Maureen K. Kane, Former Council Member

Damien O’Farrell, Non-Profit Executive

Robert Stockton, Engineer, Business Owner

Ramon Alvarez, Business Owner

Brent Lee, Small Business Owner

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE “F”

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "G"

City of Riverside Measure "G"

(Revising Schedule for Run-Off Elections
for Councilmembers - Charter Section 400)

If approved by a majority of the voters, this Measure would amend the Riverside City Charter to provide that if, in the June election for Riverside City Council, no candidate receives a majority of the total votes cast, the run-off election would be held on the last Tuesday in August instead of on the first Tuesday in November.

The current Riverside City Charter provides that elections for Riverside City Councilmembers are held in June; if no candidate receives a majority of the total votes cast, then a special run-off election is held in November. This Measure, if approved by a majority of the voters, would move the run-off election to August, thereby shortening the time period between the June election and the run-off election to approximately two months instead of the current five months.

If this Measure is approved, it is anticipated to have a negative fiscal impact upon the City of Riverside. The current cost of the November run-off elections is \$150,000; the change in Riverside City Council run-off elections to August will increase costs up to \$47,000 per election cycle, plus a one-time charge of \$58,000 for voter notification. The election cycle is every two years, for Riverside City Council Wards 1, 3, 5 and 7, and then Wards 2, 4 and 6.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in any new City powers.

Dated: March 19, 2012

By: Gregory P. Priamos
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "G". If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk's Office at (951) 826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “G”

Crucial City decisions are dependent upon an efficient method to guarantee that all elected Council members are installed into office in a timely manner. The current system extends the period of uncertainty and inefficiency for 5-6 months. The proposed shortened election run-off period would increase the potential for voter attention to remain focused on the candidates and issues that were presented during the campaign for the General Election.

A shorter run-off will reduce the campaign costs for the candidates and their supporters. Time commitment for campaign volunteers is shortened.

Previous run-off elections were conducted in a similar 60 day period (Dec.-Jan.); therefore, experience indicates that a shortened run-off campaign can be effective. The months of July-August are not significantly different in terms of voter availability or attention than December-January.

The election costs for the City of Riverside to conduct a special run-off election for City Council in comparison to the inefficiencies of a longer election period are not significant.

By: Wendel W. Tucker, Member Riverside Charter Committee

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “G”

Except in the rare case of a vacant council seat the incumbent will continue to represent the ward pending the outcome of a runoff election. This is true whether the period is 60 days or five months, and is unrelated to efficiency of government or elections.

It is difficult for a non-incumbent candidate to raise money for a campaign. This is compounded when there are multiple contenders in the general election. A candidate needs time to raise funds and to campaign after the race is narrowed to the two finalists. If one candidate is the incumbent they have a clear advantage in fundraising. And of greater importance, the extra time allows the challenger a better opportunity to walk precincts and meet voters. This results in a better informed electorate.

The added cost of moving runoff elections to August are not major; however, taxpayers should not spend additional funds to create advantages for incumbents. A longer period between the general and runoff election is not inefficient. It is just longer, and in this case more equitable.

We urge a “No” vote.

By: Ronald O. Loveridge, Mayor

Mike Gardner, Ward 1 Councilmember

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “G”

We are strongly opposed to Measure “G” and urge a “No” vote on limiting the time for city council run-off elections. It is not reform.

For us, the reasons to vote “No” are important, and persuasive.

First, limiting the time between elections helps incumbents. They are typically better known and better funded, so a shorter time works to their advantage. A challenger’s best opportunity is to knock on more doors and speak to more voters. This takes time.

Second, the proposed change means higher election costs. The first council run-off elections cycle would cost taxpayers \$105,000. Each additional cycle would cost \$55,000. There are much better ways to spend your dollars.

Third, the proposed change means the run-off campaign would occur in July and August, Riverside’s hottest months. Many people vacation then. Candidates would be less likely to meet constituents by walking and knocking on doors. Residents would lose their opportunity to meet candidates, the best chance to get to know local office seekers. A shorter time frame will also limit the number of forums and group meetings.

And most importantly, fewer people will vote. Limiting the time for campaigning and setting the election date for the last Tuesday in August will surely reduce voter turnout. The objective should be more people voting, not fewer.

The purpose of run-off elections should be to select the best candidates. Convenience for incumbents is not a valid reason to limit the time for our run-off elections. Looking at past Riverside elections, it’s our judgment that more time rather than less time results in the best information for voters to elect members of the Riverside City Council. We urge a “No” vote on Measure “G”.

By: Ronald O. Loveridge, Mayor

Mike Gardner, Ward 1 Councilmember

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “G”

The Charter Review Committee overwhelmingly supported the concepts of Measure “G” in order to provide an expedited and efficient process for city council run-off elections.

First, the most important reason for a shortened election process is to insure a prompt change of leadership in order to expedite city business. A lengthy run-off process continues the period of time during which important decisions can be delayed as council members wait for the incoming council member. There is a tendency to forego timely and sensitive issues because of political pressures.

Second, the argument that a shortened run-off period favors the incumbent is shallow because it assumes that there is an incumbent on the ballot; further that the incumbent will always be one of the top two selected by the voters.

Third, as stated in the Argument In Favor Of Measure “G”, the additional costs and time commitments expected of candidates, their supporters and campaign volunteers is not justified by an extended run-off process. Weather and vacations are not compelling reasons to extend the election process.

Finally, the voters of the City of Riverside deserve a process that will expedite the installation of the duly elected official and the continuance or change of leadership and decision-making.

By: Wendel W. Tucker

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “H”

City of Riverside Measure “H”

(Eliminate Authority of City Manager to Appoint/Remove Employees of City Attorney and City Clerk - Charter Section 601)

If approved by a majority of the voters, this Measure would amend the Riverside City Charter to eliminate the authority of the City Manager to approve or disapprove appointments and removals of subordinate employees of any Riverside City Charter officer, including the City Clerk and City Attorney.

The current Riverside City Charter provides that the City Manager can approve or disapprove all proposed appointments and removals of subordinate employees by department heads or officers, including the subordinate employees of the City Attorney and the City Clerk. The City Attorney and the City Clerk are directly appointed and removed by the City Council, not the City Manager. This Measure, if approved by a majority of the voters, would eliminate the authority of the City Manager over the appointment and removal of subordinate employees of the City Attorney and the City Clerk. The City Attorney and the City Clerk would have then have power to approve or disapprove all proposed appointments and removals of their own subordinate employees.

If a majority of the voters approve Measure “E” (“Creation of a New Charter officer, the City Auditor”), this Measure would also eliminate the authority of the City Manager over the appointment and removal of subordinate employees of the City Auditor, and the City Auditor would have the power to approve or disapprove all proposed appointments and removals of their own subordinate employees.

If this Measure is approved, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in any new City powers.

Dated: March 19, 2012

By: Colleen Nicol
City Clerk

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure “H”. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk’s Office at (951) 826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “H”

The City Charter creates the Offices of the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney. These three officers are appointed by and report to the City Council with separate duties and responsibilities set forth in the Charter and State Law. All three work cooperatively to achieve the City Council goals and serve the citizens of Riverside. The current Charter gives the City Manager authority to approve personnel decisions of the City Attorney and City Clerk. We believe this provision needs to be changed. Interference or undue influence by the City Manager upon the employees of the City Attorney and City Clerk is contrary to the intent of the Charter. It intentionally separates the offices directly accountable to the Members of the City Council elected by the citizens to represent them. Independent legal counsel, fair and impartial conduct of elections, and safe and accessible official records of the City are safeguarded in this way.

To ensure the independence of these offices without undue influence of one upon the other, the proposed Charter amendment eliminates the City Manager’s authority to approve or disapprove the hiring and firing of employees of the City Attorney and City Clerk. At the City Council meeting of February 7, 2012, when the City Council agreed the voters should decide this issue, the City Manager stated he agreed with this recommendation.

We recommend a Yes vote on Measure -----“H”

By: Tom Evans, Charter Charter Review Committee Member

Michelle Ouellette, Charter Review Committee Member

Diana Medina, Charter Review Committee Member

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE “H”

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "I"

City of Riverside Measure "I"

(Remove Oversight of Street Trees from Park and Recreation Commission - Charter Section 809)

If approved by a majority of the voters, this Measure would amend the Riverside City Charter to remove oversight of the maintenance of parkways, shrubs, and trees within street right-of-way from the Park and Recreation Commission.

The current Riverside City Charter provides that one of the powers and duties of the Park and Recreation Commission is to consider the annual budget and act in an advisory capacity to the Riverside City Council in all matters pertaining to parks, recreation, parkways and street trees. This Measure, if approved by a majority of the voters, would remove "parkways and street trees" from the powers and duties of the Park and Recreation Commission. "Street trees" includes all trees on City streets and medians. The Park and Recreation Commission would retain oversight authority over trees in City parks. The City Council would continue to exercise oversight of City street trees.

If this Measure is approved, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in any new City powers.

Dated: March 19, 2012

By: Gregory P. Priamos
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "I". If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk's Office at (951) 826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "I"

The city of riverside has the distinction of possessing more than 110,000 trees that line our parkways and streets. Riverside has been referred to as "the city of trees" on more than one occasion. The city of riverside feels so strongly about the care and maintenance of these assets that they employ a fulltime urban forester to work with and advise the public works department on tree and shrub care in our street right-of-ways. He follows a comprehensive urban forestry program and provides expert decisions in arboriculture. He works with the 311 system to attend to any concerns citizens may have regarding trees within street right-of-way.

With these standards in place, it is time to update our city charter section 809, as set forth in measure "I", to reflect current assignment of these responsibilities to the public works department. The current park and recreation commission discussed this change and it was the general consensus that the public works department is doing an excellent job of maintaining trees in the street right-of-ways.

A yes vote on measure "I" is an update to the city charter to reflect a comprehensive care and maintenance program, already carefully crafted, to take care of our city street trees and parkways.

By: Sharon Tyrrell, resident

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE "I"

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "J"

City of Riverside Measure "J"

(Electronic Advertisement of Bids for Public Projects - Charter Section 1109)

If approved by a majority of the voters, this Measure would amend the Riverside City Charter to provide that that Riverside City shall advertise bid opportunities for public works construction projects by electronic means (such as Riverside City's website or the Internet) instead of in the newspaper.

The current Charter provides that the City of Riverside must advertise bid opportunities for public works construction projects that are estimated to cost \$50,000 or more in a newspaper of general circulation. This Measure, if approved by a majority of the voters, would change the advertising requirement from a newspaper to "electronic means." One example of an electronic means of advertisement is through the City's website.

If this Measure is approved, it is anticipated to have a positive fiscal impact upon the City in that it would eliminate the cost of newspaper advertisement of bid opportunities for public works construction projects. The average cost of advertising a bid opportunity for public works construction projects in the newspaper is \$100.00 - \$200.00.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in any new City powers.

Dated: March 19, 2012

By: Gregory P. Priamos
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "J". If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk's Office at (951) 826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "J"

City of Riverside Charter Amendment Measure "J", proposes a common sense amendment to an outdated requirement to publish Public Bid Notices in a local newspaper of general circulation.

Traditional print media (i.e. a local newspaper) is no longer the most effective tool for the contracting industry or city agencies seeking competitive bids for public works projects

Currently, construction bidders seeking opportunities to bid on public works projects, utilize Internet websites, industry publications, regional plan rooms, and other electronic media sources for bid notices. Voting in favor Measure "J" provides for a more open and competitive bidding process.

All other public works contract requirements in the City Charter will remain unaffected.

By: William J. Perez, Charter Review Comm. Member

Brent W. Lee, Small Business Owner

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE "J"

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “K”

City of Riverside Measure “K”

(Non-Substantive Changes - Various Charter sections)

This Measure contains multiple clarifying amendments to the Riverside City Charter, as further described below.

This Measure, if approved, would result in the following title changes, none of which would result in any change to the current powers and duties of these positions: (1) the title of “librarian” would be changed to “Library Director;” (2) the title of “Controller” would be changed to “Chief Financial Officer/Treasure;” and (3) the title of “Planning Director” would be changed to “Community Development Director.”

This Measure, if approved, would eliminate the requirement that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer provide written distribution of certain financial reports to the Riverside City Council, but would not eliminate the obligation of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer to provide such reports.

This Measure, if approved, would change the method of public distribution of the proposed budget from copies in libraries to posting on the City’s website, but would not change the requirement to distribute copies of the final budget in City libraries.

This Measure, if approved, would eliminate references in the Riverside City Charter to the following taxes, none of which are currently being levied: a tax to pay all bonds and liabilities of Riverside City, a tax to pay Riverside City’s obligations to the Public Employees’ Retirement System, and a library tax. This measure does not change Riverside City’s duty to fund these obligations, and Riverside City currently funds these obligations through other financial sources.

This Measure, if approved, would add “accessible” before “website” throughout the Riverside City Charter.

This Measure, if approved by a majority of the voters, would revise the Riverside City Charter to require the Riverside City Council to appoint the next charter review committee in 2019. The current law provides that the Riverside City Council shall appoint the committee every eight years. The Measure would preserve the current eight year cycle and align it with the period leading up to a Mayoral general election.

If this Measure is approved, no fiscal impact is anticipated, expect for a minor positive fiscal impact resulting from the elimination of the requirement to supply libraries with written copies of the proposed budget.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in any new City powers.

Dated: March 19, 2012

By: Gregory P. Priamos
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure “K”. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk’s Office at (951) 826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “K”

The Charter Review Committee voted unanimously to endorse within the City’s Charter various Non-Substantive Amendments. These amendments relate to position titles, the elimination of duplicate paper copy distribution of certain documents to City offices and posting of certain public domain documents on the City’s website. These amendments also include grammar corrections, word deletions, removal of obsolete language and changes that reflect current City practices put in place to provide more efficient processes. Language that reflects the City’s intention to be transparent, by adding the word “accessible” before website and by removing language that references a tax no longer collected by the City are also included in these amendments.

These amendments were vetted by those in the city offices, departments or areas that would be expected to implement or adhere to the changes and did not encounter with any detraction. It is the expectation of the Charter Review Committee that these changes are non-substantive in their affect to the implementation of the City’s Charter or that they impose any undue obligations or duties to the City.

The purpose of these changes is to update the language of the City Charter and to allow the Charter to more accurately reflect the intentions and spirit of the City Charter and the City of Riverside. Vote “Yes” on Measure “K”.

By: Karl L. Hicks, CFP®, MBA
Charter Review Committee Member

José Medina

Sharon L.B. Tyrrell

Diana Medina

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “K”

Measure “K” contains more than just simple changes in titles and grammar corrections; it includes the deletion of the word “librarian” from the charter. Notwithstanding the claims in the Argument in Favor of this Measure that the amendments were “vetted”, the Board of Library Trustees was not asked by the administration or the Charter Review Committee to comment on the deletion of “librarian” from Section 808(e) before the recommendations were submitted to the City Council. As Section 808(e) relates to the powers of the Board of Library Trustees, asking them for comment would just seem a common courtesy. But the failure to make this simple request seems to show the lack of respect that the administration has for the library. The library is one of the most important services of the city as seen by the overwhelming support of the voters in the recent passage of Measure “I”. We need professional librarians to run the library, not bureaucrats. The word “librarian” does have meaning; it is important that the word “librarian” remain in Section 808(e).

If the remaining amendments included in Measure “K” are minor or nonsubstantive changes as claimed, the failure to pass Measure “K” will not be a serious blow. In fact, many of the changes included in Measure “K” can be implemented without the charter changes such as the posting of certain public domain documents on the city’s website and by adding the word “accessible”

Please vote “No” on Measure “K”.

By: Barbara A. Purvis

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “K”

It is with great reluctance that I recommend a vote of “No” on Measure “K”. It is described as making certain non-substantive updates including those related to change of position titles. However, there is at least one substantive change buried among the other “non-substantive” updates. The word “librarian” is being eliminated from Charter Sections 601 and 808 to describe the head of the Library Department. The alleged reason for the removal of the word “librarian” and its replacement with “Library Director” is to have uniformity in the designations for the various Department Heads.

Section 808 (e) relating to the powers of the Board of Library Trustees states: “Approve or disapprove the appointment, suspension or removal of the librarian, who shall be the department head.” During the Charter review process, I suggested that the need for uniformity in titles for Department Heads could be addressed by not eliminating the word “librarian” in Section 808 (e), but by adding the phrase “known as the Library Director” to the end of the section.

My concern about eliminating “librarian” from the Charter was that the Library Director could then be any administrative staff member, not a “librarian”. During the Charter Review, staff suggested the current Job Descriptions do include professional criteria for the position of Library Director. However, Job Descriptions, unlike the Charter, can easily be changed. It was also suggested that the term “librarian” does not spell out any professional qualifications. However, the term “librarian” is defined as a person trained in library science and engaged in library service; and a person in charge of a library, especially the chief administrative officer of a library. (Dictionary.com)

Vote No on Measure “K” and keep the librarians in charge of the Library Department, not the bureaucrats without qualifications.

By: Barbara A. Purvis

NO REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “K” FILED

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE “L”

Purpose of the Measure

Val Verde Unified School District is focused on providing a top-quality education to our students. Val Verde schools are recognized both locally and across the nation for raising academic achievement standards and helping local students achieve their best so they can go onto college and compete for good paying jobs.

Every one of the nearly 20,000 students who attend our Val Verde schools deserve a quality education. Unfortunately, Sacramento continues to reduce education funding, resulting in cuts to educational programs that impact student learning. The State no longer provides enough funding for the District to adequately maintain and expand its educational facilities despite ongoing efforts to obtain such funding.

To protect the quality of education in our schools and ensure students have access to updated classrooms, science labs and technology they need to succeed, the “Val Verde Quality Education and Safe Classrooms Measure” will:

- Keep technology and computer systems up-to-date in classrooms, libraries and science labs
- Improve energy efficiency to provide ongoing savings to attract and retain qualified teachers
- Protect academic instruction in core subjects like math, science, reading, writing, technology and programs that help students struggling with the basics
- Provide facilities and equipment needed for career and technical education classes so students can compete for high-demand jobs
- Construct a new high school to relieve student overcrowding

By upgrading and repairing our schools now, Val Verde Unified School District can take advantage of matching funds, historically low interest rates and low construction costs. Plus, the measure will improve energy-efficiency in our classrooms to save money that can be applied to protect core academic classes and retain qualified teachers.

This measure will provide locally-controlled funds for our schools that cannot be taken away by Sacramento. Independent citizens' oversight would ensure all funds are spent appropriately and as promised. None of the money from this measure can be used to increase salaries, benefits or pensions for administrators, teachers, or any other school employees.

PROJECT LIST

The District intends to use the proceeds of the Bonds to finance or refinance some or all of the below-listed projects, upon voter approval:

EXHIBIT A-1 BOND PROJECT LIST

Every school campus within the Val Verde Unified School District will receive Measure “L” bond funds. Bond funds, in conjunction with State matching funds as may become available, will be used to make necessary repairs and upgrades to existing school campuses, to promote continued increases in academic achievement by our students, attract and retain excellent teachers, and upgrade the technology infrastructure to support student learning. The campuses and support facilities listed below will receive the following repair, upgrade and construction projects as necessary:

<u>Elementary Schools</u>	<u>Middle Schools</u>
Avalon Elementary Columbia Elementary Lasselle Elementary Manuel L. Real Elementary Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary May Ranch Elementary Mead Valley Elementary Rainbow Ridge Elementary Sierra Vista Elementary Triple Crown Elementary Val Verde Elementary Victoriano Elementary	Lakeside Middle March Middle Tomas Rivera Middle Vista Verde Middle
	<u>High Schools</u>
	Citrus Hill High Rancho Verde High Val Verde High Southeast High (proposed)
	<u>Specialty Schools and Support Facilities</u>
	El Potrero Pre-School Val Verde Academy Student Success Academy District Administration Building

1. Complete health and safety improvements required to comply with current student safety standards and codes, including removing hazardous materials, upgrading automatic fire alarms, generators and communication and security systems
2. Improve student access to classroom computers and modern technology by upgrading electrical and technology infrastructure and distribution, as well as replacing systems as necessary to include energy conservation
3. Complete repairs, renovations and upgrades to school sites including but not limited to replacing outdated electrical systems, HVAC, sewer, water, gas, slurry/asphalt/re-stripe, walkways, fencing, drainage systems, irrigation and backflow
4. Complete upgrades and renovations to building exteriors and interiors, such as walls, painting, lighting, roofing, floor coverings, doors and hardware, restrooms
5. Provide facilities and equipment necessary to effectively implement career and technical programs students can compete for today's in-demand jobs
6. Update and improve building systems including but not limited to HVAC, boilers, and plumbing systems to reduce energy bills and qualify the District for energy incentive funds
7. Improve access to schools and district facilities to comply with Federal and State mandated Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements
8. Construct, furnish and equip new classrooms to replace outdated/aging facilities
9. Renovate, expand, and construct student support facilities, services, and technology throughout the District as needed
10. Acquire and install instructional, maintenance, furniture and operational equipment including but not limited to: desks, computers, printers/reprographic equipment, computer stations, whiteboards; science, art, and instrumental program equipment; window coverings, cafeteria tables, lockers and maintenance equipment to the extent permitted by law
11. Increase student safety by improving drop-off/pick-up areas, parking and traffic circulation
12. Provide, upgrade and/or replace as necessary outdoor play equipment, protective play surfaces, and fields as needed to meet new safety standards and keep our children healthy
13. Provide adequate shade structures and lunch shelters to protect students
14. Expand and upgrade multi-purpose rooms, cafeterias and kitchen areas as needed to efficiently prepare food and serve students in a safe and sanitary environment
15. Refinance or retire existing debts and leases in order to secure more favorable terms for taxpayers and/or free up funding for classroom instruction
16. Construct, furnish and equip a modern central kitchen to better serve students and be cost effective
17. Construct, furnish and equip a new comprehensive high school to reduce over-crowding at existing high schools

Priority of Projects

The listed projects will be prioritized and completed as needed with the following projects being prioritized first: items with immediate impact on instruction; projects dealing with safety and security; items which can be easily addressed and have an equity focus; projects that maximize additional funding resources or that generate ongoing funding or expense reduction and the initiation of architectural plans for future construction projects.

Project Costs

Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovation of student and staff restrooms; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replacement of worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; installation of wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrades or construction of support facilities, including administrative, physical education and performing arts buildings and maintenance yards; repair and replacement of fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; resurfacing or replacing of hard courts, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping; expand parking; install interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; and construction of various forms of storage and support spaces, upgrade classrooms, repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace outdated security fences and security systems. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the

absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District, such as gyms, fields and performing arts facilities, may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

Approval of Proposition "L" does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Val Verde Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Proposition "L" will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Proposition "L". The Val Verde Unified School District's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a Statewide bond measure.

The board will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that funds are spent only on school and classroom improvements and for no other purposes.

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE "L"

An election will be held in Val Verde Unified School District (the "District") on June 5, 2012 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring a bonded indebtedness of the District in the principal amount of \$178,000,000. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the first sale of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, is \$48.73 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for the year 2012-13 (it is expected that the typical homeowner within the School District will pay \$80 in year 2012-13).

2. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the last sale of the bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, are \$48.73 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year 2024-25.

3. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, are \$48.73 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year 2012-13.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

By: Chief Business Officer
Val Verde Unified School District

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "L"

The Board of Education ("Board") of the Val Verde Unified School District ("District") by adopting Resolution No. 11-12-14, elected to call an election pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Section 15266 *et seq.* of the Education Code to obtain authorization to issue and sell general obligations bonds ("Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of \$178,000,000.

The Bonds would be used by the District to upgrade instructional technology, provide facilities and equipment for career and technical education classes, improve energy efficiency, upgrade electrical systems, fire alarms, and school security, and construct new classrooms and schools. The Bonds would not be used to increase salaries, benefits, or pensions for administrators, teachers, or any other school employees.

The Bonds would bear interest at an annual rate not to exceed the legal maximum payable. The Bonds could be sold in several series and would mature no later than forty (40) years following their issuance.

An ad valorem tax would be levied and collected on property within the boundaries of the District to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds.

For this Measure to be approved fifty-five percent (55%) of qualified voters who vote on the Measure must vote yes.

A "YES" vote on Measure "L" is a vote to allow the District to sell the Bonds and levy the necessary taxes to pay for the Bonds.

A "NO" vote on Measure "L" is a vote against allowing the District to sell the Bonds and levy the necessary taxes to pay for the Bonds.

By: Sunshine S. Sykes,
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “L”

Voting YES on “L” will maintain quality education in our local Val Verde schools.

By law, all Measure “L” funds stay here and go directly to support local children. Not one penny can be taken by the State or used for other purposes.

Each of the nearly 20,000 students attending our schools deserves a quality education. Measure “L” provides locally-controlled funding to help students succeed that Sacramento can't take.

Val Verde Unified School District is one of the best in the region. Student test scores outperform all surrounding school districts.

However, student overcrowding, outdated technology, and State budget cuts threaten this progress.

Schools are overcrowded and will become even more crowded unless something is done. For example, our high schools hold 50% more students than they were designed for, which means many students can't get the classes or labs required by colleges. Measure “L” gives all students access to the teachers, science labs, libraries and computers they need to learn and prepare for college.

Measure “L” will:

- Attract and retain qualified teachers
- Protect quality academic instruction in core subjects like math, science, reading and writing
- Help students struggling with the basics
- Challenge students preparing for college
- Improve student safety and security
- Update technology and computers in classrooms, libraries and science labs
- Restore programs lost due to state budget cuts, including music, tutoring and physical education
- Provide career and technical education to help students compete for high-demand jobs

Mandatory accountability protections:

- All funds stay in our local schools
- No funds can be taken by the State
- Independent citizen oversight and annual audits required

Measure “L” helps students prepare and qualify for college. It also makes sure those not headed to college receive career training to get good jobs and earn a living.

Please vote Yes on “L” for 21st century learning.

By: Albert Trudel,
President, Val Verde Teachers Association

Luzi Chavez,
Val Verde Parent & Community Leader

Dan Rice,
President, Moreno Valley Homeowner Assoc.

Marla Kirkland,
Lifetime Community Member & Past Val Verde Board Member

Rita Rogers,
City Council of Perris

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE “L”

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



AT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE

2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507

May 7 through June 4
(excluding Holidays)

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

Saturday, May 26 and June 2
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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- 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.

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Palm Springs
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COUNTY LIBRARIES

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Eastvale
El Cerrito
Glen Avon
Highgrove
Home Gardens
Idyllwild
Indio
La Quinta
Lake Elsinore
Lakeside
Lake Tamarisk
Mecca
Mission Trail
Norco
Nuview
Palm Desert
Paloma Valley
Perris
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Sun City
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- **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, May 7 - June 4 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 26 and June 2, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day, June 5, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net for additional early voting locations and information.
- **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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Riverside

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 29, 2012

I hereby request a ballot for the Consolidated Presidential Primary Election, June 5, 2012.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED

CITY STATE ZIP

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

CITY STATE ZIP

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

**SIGNATURE
REQUIRED**

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

DATE

☐ I have declined to disclose a party preference for a qualified political party. However, for this primary election only, I request a vote-by-mail ballot for the

Party.

In order to determine which parties allow Nonpartisan voters to vote in their primary elections, see inside or contact the Secretary of State's toll-free number at 1-800-345-VOTE(8683) or (916) 657-2166. Elections Code § 3006(c)

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

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

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**BALLOT
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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

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

↓ **LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE** ↓



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