

**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION**
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011

SAMPLE BALLOT AND INFORMATION PAMPHLET

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
MAY 23, 2011**

**POLLS OPEN
JUNE 7, 2011, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**POLLING PLACE LOCATION
ON BACK COVER**

**IT'S QUICK — IT'S EASY
IT'S CONVENIENT
GET OUT OF LINE ON
ELECTION DAY!**

VOTE-BY-MAIL
May 9 - 31
Application on Back Cover

REMINDER
If you have not mailed your voted ballot before election day it may be dropped off at any polling place in the County or at the Registrar Of Voters Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day to count.

POSTMARK NOT ACCEPTED

AVISO IMPORTANTE

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



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Did You Know...

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



**EARLY VOTING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE,**

**MAY 9 – JUNE 6 (excluding Holidays),
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

and

**ELECTION DAY, JUNE 7,
7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**



KARI VERJIL
Registrar of Voters



2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507-0918
(951) 486-7200 • FAX (951) 486-7272
TTY (951) 697-8966
www.voteinfo.net

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dear Voter:

Information in this Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet will assist you in making informed choices when marking your ballot. You may mark your selections on your sample ballot and take it with you to the polls for reference to easily and quickly complete your official ballot. Whether you go to the polls or use a vote-by-mail ballot, the paper ballot is the same. Additionally, one electronic accessible voting unit will be available at each polling location for any voter's use.

There are several options to cast your ballot in this election:



Polling Place Your polling place is listed on the back of this pamphlet. Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 7th.



Registrar of Voters Office You may receive and cast your ballot (paper or electronic ballot) at the Registrar of Voters Office located at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside, May 9 – June 6 (excluding Holidays), Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Election Day, June 7th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. A locked drop box is located outside the front entrance for deposit of vote-by-mail ballots 24 hours a day.



Vote-by-Mail Any voter may request a vote-by-mail ballot and return it by mail at their convenience to reach the Registrar of Voters Office no later than the close of polls on Election Day. Postmarks are not accepted. Vote-by-mail ballots may also be turned in at any Riverside County polling place on Election Day.

You may confirm that you are registered to vote at www.voteinfo.net by selecting "Am I Registered?" The last day to register to vote and participate in this election is May 23, 2011.

You may confirm that the Registrar of Voters has received your vote-by-mail ballot at www.voteinfo.net by selecting "The Status of My Vote-by-Mail Ballot."

To ensure your ballot is counted promptly and accurately use a single line to connect the arrow and return your ballot by the close of polls (8 p.m.) on Election Day.

The ballot box is where we exercise our most cherished heritage and our proudest legacy – **the right to vote**. We look forward to counting your vote with your participation on June 7th.

Sincerely,

KARI VERJIL
Registrar of Voters



TO PROPERLY MARK YOUR OFFICIAL PAPER BALLOT

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

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

TO MARK YOUR VOTE DRAW A LINE



VOTE!!!

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

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

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT... MARK YOUR BALLOT CORRECTLY

EXAMPLE

CORRECT



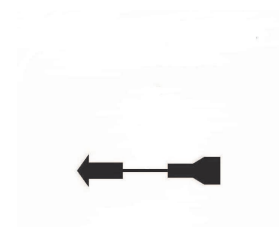
INCORRECT



SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA EJEMPLAR
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION / ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL MUNICIPAL
June 7, 2011 / 7 de junio de 2011

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

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS MEDIDA SOMETIDA A LOS VOTANTES CITY / CIUDAD							
CITY OF CANYON LAKE CIUDAD DE CANYON LAKE							
E POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF CANYON LAKE Shall Ordinance No., 133 enacting a special parcel tax to fund the continuation of existing police and fire protection services in the City of Canyon Lake be adopted? SERVICIOS DE POLICÍA Y BOMBEROS EN LA CIUDAD DE CANYON LAKE ¿Debería adoptarse la ordenanza No. 133 que establece un impuesto especial sobre parcelas para financiar la continuación de los servicios de policía y bomberos existentes en la Ciudad de Canyon Lake?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES SÍ</td><td>←</td><td>→</td></tr><tr><td>NO NO</td><td>←</td><td>→</td></tr></table>	YES SÍ	←	→	NO NO	←	→
YES SÍ	←	→					
NO NO	←	→					



VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

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

- **BALLOT MEASURES**
- **ANALYSES**
- **ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT & IN OPPOSITION**
- **TEXT OF MEASURES**

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

POLLING PLACE REMINDER NO ELECTIONEERING!



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

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

CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE §§18370, 18371

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "E"

If approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure, Measure "E" would approve an ordinance adopting a "Public Safety Special Tax." The purpose of the special tax is to fund on-going, existing police and fire services to be provided within the City of Canyon Lake ("City").

If Measure "E" is not approved by a two-thirds vote of the voters voting on the Measure, then the tax will not be approved and will not go into effect. The City will be required to take the necessary steps to reduce or changes services or take other actions to reduce costs.

The tax would be levied on a per-parcel basis. If approved, the tax will be in the amount of \$204/year for improved parcels and \$96/year for unimproved parcels starting with property tax bills for fiscal year 2011-2012. The special tax will be levied annually, along with property taxes, and subject to the same penalties for non-payment as such property taxes. The tax would last for five (5) years during City fiscal years 2011-12 through 2015-16.

The City does not have the ability to levy the tax at a level higher than that approved by the voters. However, the City does have the ability to level the tax at a lower level or at zero (0) if the City Council determines that funds are not needed or are needed at a lesser amount in any fiscal year to provide such services. The City must keep the proceeds of the tax in a special account used only for that purpose. The City is required to and will provide an annual accounting regarding the proceeds received from the tax and their use.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "E". If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the elections official's office at (951) 246-2024 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

By: Elizabeth Martyn, City Attorney
City of Canyon Lake

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “E”

Between the State of California raiding our City’s budget and the economy slashing the City’s revenues, The City of Canyon Lake has been drawing from its reserve funds to maintain a high level of public safety services that have made Canyon Lake the safest City in the County.

For the past two years the City has cut expenses by reducing staff, reducing contractor hours, and asking vendors to take a 10 percent reduction.

But even with budget cuts, Canyon Lake will exhaust its reserve fund within three years if a new way of funding public safety services is not implemented.

Public Safety Measure “E” provides new funding in a fair and balanced way. It raises \$960,000 in revenue to continue to pay for local public safety services. These are funds that the legislators in Sacramento can NEVER touch; and the City must keep the proceeds of the tax in a special account used ONLY for public services.

Measure “E” gives our City an equitable and reliable way to continuing funding police officers and firefighters/medics.

Without Measure “E”, our City will use up its reserves and be forced to eliminate some of the 24/7 police officer coverage and possibly close Canyon Lake Fire Station 60 on Vacation Drive. Cuts in public safety services will increase police and fire response times, impact property values and potentially lead to vandalism and other more serious crimes.

Let’s maintain our public safety services at their current levels and make funding for those services fair, balanced and reliable. The Canyon Lake City Council has committed to a charge that will END in five years at \$17 per month or 56 cents per day to continue the current level of police and fire protection we all enjoy.

Vote Yes on Measure “E”

By: Larry Greene, Resident Canyon Lake
Assistant Fire Chief Fullerton, Retired

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “E”

It’s not necessarily true City reserves will be depleted if Measure “E” fails. Creative ideas are circulating about how we can increase revenues and reduce costs. All these options need to be explored before raising taxes. If cuts in police and fire services are necessary, cuts should be TEMPORARY until the economy rebounds.

Proponents are attempting to scare people into voting for Measure “E”. The same arguments were made in San Diego before voters rejected their “public safety” parcel tax. These fears proved unfounded.

Will revenues only fund police and fire protection? “Public services” accounts could be tapped for virtually anything. Do you really trust politicians to cut taxes after 5 years? During hearings, Councilmen expressed concern the tax amount and duration was insufficient.

Passing this measure will open a floodgate of other tax requests in the future. Costs for contacting police and fire protection will likely continue to increase at alarming rates. Proponent claim Measure “E” is “equitable”. “Equitable” implies “fair” and there is nothing fair about this tax. Additional taxes are not fair to California taxpayers who are already shouldering one of the highest tax burdens in the nation. If Measure “E” passes, homeowners will pay more than \$1000 additional tax.

If you support Proposition 13 vote against this tax.

“In order to stop the deluge of parcel taxes.. taxpayers must defend themselves” says the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

Go to <http://www.nocanyonlaketaxes.org> for additional information and a more detailed rebuttal.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE “E”

By: Tim Brown

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE "E"

California taxpayers pay the third highest income tax, the highest sales tax, the seventh highest corporate tax, and the highest gasoline tax in the nation. Even with Proposition 13, there are 37 states with lower property taxes than California. The taxpayers in four out of five states spend less (per capita) for "basic" fire protection services than Californians. The City of Canyon Lake is asking us to approve ANOTHER tax.

How should State tax dollars be spent? Most of us believe our top priorities should be police protection, fire protection and education. Shouldn't our tax priorities be to fund police and firefighting before the "California Biodiversity Council" and the "California Wildlife and Habitat Data Analysis Branch"? With a declining tax base, the only way for the liberal politicians in Sacramento to keep funding their pet projects is to find new ways of raising revenues. In what amounts to political extortion, tax and spend liberals in Sacramento have systematically siphoned money away from local governments that was budgeted to pay for police and fire services. Faced with the prospect of reducing services, many local governments are (or soon will be) asking for more taxes. If people give in to the extortion, the liberals will have found another way of circumventing the intent of Proposition 13.

Proponents will argue that the tax affords continuation of "basic" fire services. The Riverside Fire Department will not negotiate fees or (what they claim are minimal) service provisions. Two years ago another crew members was added to response teams. Do you see a difference in service?

According to a Sacramento newspaper, Canyon Lake is the most conservative city in California. If we do not say no to the liberals In Sacramento who have created this mess, who will?

For more information go to <http://www.NoCayonLakeTaxes.org>.

By: Tim Brown

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE "E"

The passage of Measure "E" guarantees the funds which are raised in Canyon Lake will stay in Canyon Lake and will not find their way to Sacramento or anywhere else. Passage of Measure "E" continues our existing level of public safety for the citizens of Canyon Lake. Canyon Lake's crime rates are the lowest in Riverside County. Over 80% of our emergency calls to the fire department are for medical emergencies. Every fire engine that arrives in response to an emergency call is currently staffed with three advance trained firefighters, including a certified paramedic.

Canyon Lakes's Measure "E" is not a platform to air our disgust of the politicians in Sacramento. Let us continue to keep Canyon Lake safe from crime and responsive to our medical emergencies. Vote YES on Public Safety Measure "E"!

By: Larry Greene, Resident of Canyon Lake
Assistant Fire Chief of Fullerton, Ca., Retired



Important Dates!

MAY 9TH
FIRST DAY YOU CAN VOTE

MAY 23RD
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

MAY 31ST
LAST DAY TO REQUEST A
VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



JUNE 7TH ELECTION DAY
VOTE AT YOUR POLLING PLACE
DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT AT ANY POLLING PLACE
OR
VOTE AT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE BY 8:00 P.M.

FROM



DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?

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



NOTICE TO THE VOTER WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

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

- **By mail.** You may request a vote-by-mail ballot. Simply complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet. The application must be mailed to reach the Registrar of Voters Office by the deadline given.
- **Early Voting.** You may vote at the Registrar of Voters office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507, May 9 - June 6 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Election Day, June 7, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Curbside Voting on Election Day.** If you are unable to enter the polling place due to a physical disability, you may request Curbside Voting at your assigned polling place. Upon arrival at the polling place, you will be allowed to vote in a location as near as possible to the entrance that is accessible to the physically disabled. If you require Curbside Voting, please call 1-877-663-9906 before going to your assigned polling place and/or when you arrive at the facility. An Election Officer will be contacted prior to your arrival to meet you at the curb.

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



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PAID
Registrar of Voters
Riverside

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2011

I hereby request a ballot for the Special Municipal Election, June 7, 2011.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED

CITY

STATE

ZIP

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

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

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

SIGNATURE
REQUIRED

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

DATE

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

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BALLOT
TYPE 006

✓ **You May Cast Your Vote Early**

At

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↓ LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE ↓



ACCESS?

