

County of Riverside



Registrar of Voters

Consolidated General Election

*Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet*

Polling Place Location
on Back Cover
Polls Open
November 5, 2013
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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**Last Day
To Register To Vote
October 21, 2013**
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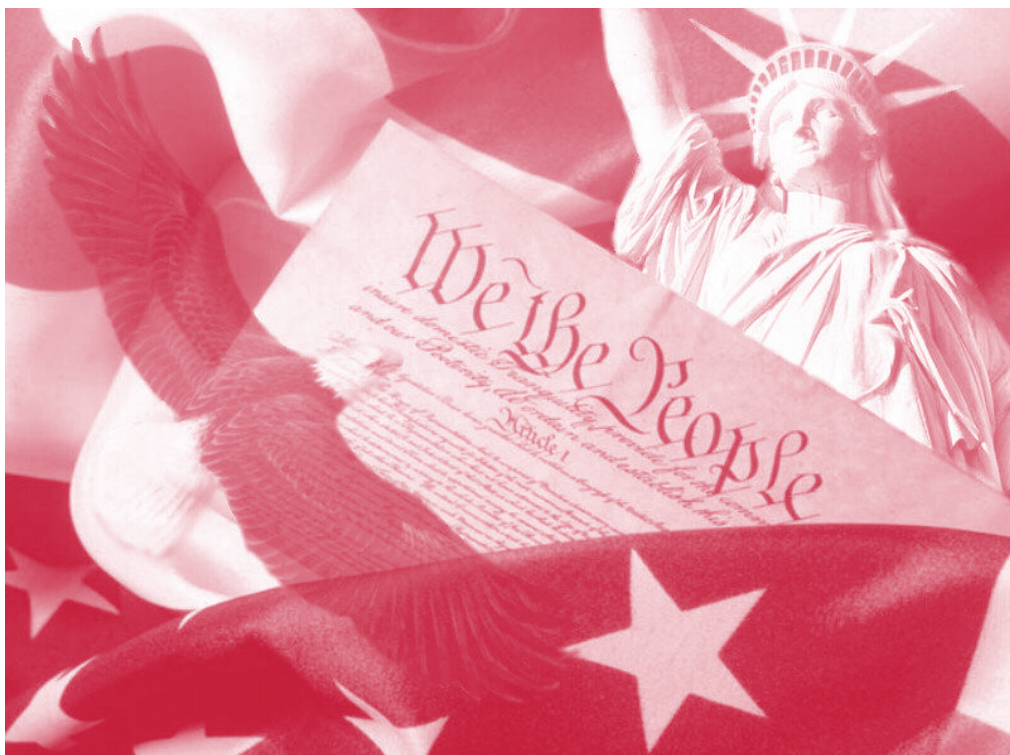
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October 7th - October 29th
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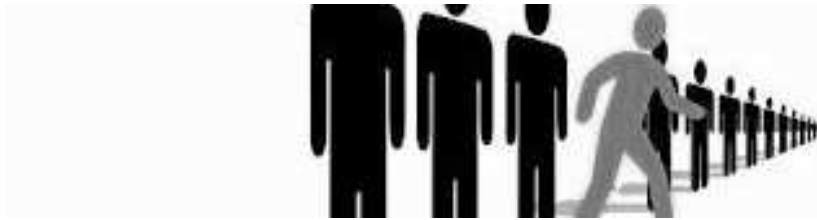
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VOTE EARLY

Riverside County Registrar of Voters Office
or at the Palm Springs Public Library

See inside for more details

YOU HAVE THE OPTION

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You can view all future
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Kari Verjil
Registrar of Voters



Rebecca Spencer
Assistant Registrar of Voters

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dear Voter:

November 5, 2013 is Election Day. Your ballot may contain contests for cities, schools, and special districts in Riverside County. This Sample Ballot & Information Pamphlet provides ballot marking instructions, polling place location, candidate information, and other important election details that you should review before you vote.

You have several options for voting.

Vote-by-Mail: Voting by mail is convenient and easy. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 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, November 5, 2013. Postmarks are not accepted.
- Deposit your ballot in one of the secure drop-off boxes available at several city clerks' offices from October 7 through November 4. Please visit our website to view a map of ballot drop-off locations.
- Take your ballot to any polling place (before 8 p.m.) in Riverside County on Election Day.
- You may confirm that the Registrar of Voters office has received your returned Vote-by-Mail ballot on our website at www.voteinfo.net by selecting "Vote-by-Mail Ballot Status Lookup".

Vote Early: Vote at the Registrar of Voters office beginning October 7 through November 4 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 5, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

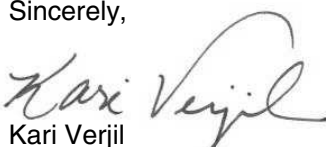
Vote Early at the Palm Springs Public Library: Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Accessible electronic voting units and vote-by-mail drop-off box will also be available at the Palm Springs Public Library.

Vote on Election Day November 5: See the back cover of this 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.

HOW TO MARK YOUR PAPER BALLOT

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

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

TO MARK YOUR VOTE DRAW A LINE



VOTE!!!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

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

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT...MARK YOUR BALLOT CORRECTLY

EXAMPLE

CORRECT



INCORRECT



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

SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA EJEMPLAR

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION / ELECCIÓN GENERAL CONSOLIDADA

November 5, 2013 / 5 de noviembre de 2013

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

CITY / CIUDAD	
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS CIUDAD DE DESERT HOT SPRINGS	
Mayor / Alcalde	
Vote for One / Vote por Uno	
ADAM SANCHEZ Councilmember / Executive Director Concejal / Director Ejecutivo	← 
JOHN-PAUL VALDEZ Economist / Financial Consultant Economista / Consultor Financiero	← 
YVONNE PARKS Incumbent Titular	← 
	← 
City Council Member Miembro del Concejo Municipal	
Vote for no more than Two / Vote por no más de Dos	
JOE MCKEE Retired Corporate Manager Gerente Corporativo Jubilado	← 
SCOTT MATAS City Council Member Concejal Municipal	← 
ROBERT BENTLEY Author / Journalist / Reverend Autor / Periodista / Reverendo	← 
JAN PYE Incumbent Titular	← 
	← 
	← 
DISTRICT / DISTRITO	
DESERT WATER AGENCY AGENCIA DE AGUA DE DESERT	
Director / Director	
Vote for no more than Three / Vote por no más de Tres	
JIM CIOFFI Incumbent Titular	← 
PATRICIA "PAT" OYGAR Desert Water Agency Director Directora, Agencia de Agua de Desert	← 
JOE STUART Appointed Incumbent Titular Nombrado	← 
MICHAEL PAUL PADUANO Realtor / Business Owner Agente de Bienes Raices / Propietario de una Empresa	← 
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VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

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

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

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

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

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

POLLING PLACE REMINDER

NO ELECTIONEERING!



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

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

CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE §§18370, 18371

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

ADAM SANCHEZ **AGE: 55**
OCCUPATION: Educator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

New fiscal leadership is desperately needed in Desert Hot Springs. Our city council by 3/2 vote just approved an 18 million dollar budget knowing that we would only have 16 million dollars. I voted no because it was an irresponsible decision.

As mayor, my priorities will be fiscal responsibility, public safety, job training, and cleaning up our city—both physically and politically. This will attract the right kinds of economic development and businesses, and that in turn will increase our property values and our quality of life.

My experience with the Boys & Girls Club, the Police Activities League, the Borrego Medical Center, the Senior Center, the Wellness Center and the Youth Violence & Gang Task Force give me a unique perspective about the needs of our city.

I initiated the twice-monthly “Clean Up Our City Campaign” activities that improve our neighborhoods and will make us more attractive for businesses, tourism and future residents. I want to expand this program.

The city belongs to all of us. Help me lead the way to a new Desert Hot Springs. It would be an honor to serve as your mayor. Respectfully, I am asking for your vote.

Thank you.

Adam Sanchez
www.AdamSanchezformayor.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

JOHN-PAUL VALDEZ **AGE: 51**
OCCUPATION: Economist
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have lived in the desert area since 2003. I started in finance 27 years ago, and worked here as an investment adviser. I became known as a TV news economist in English and Spanish and as a financial blogger for the local paper. I am not a politician, and have never run for office. I have no plans to go to Sacramento or to Washington DC. I make my home in beautiful Desert Hot Springs. After having lived in many countries and traveled extensively, I want to use my education and language abilities to help grow our city's economy, and reach out to the international community more effectively. Increased tourism means more jobs. Financial stability means more outside investment and more jobs here too.

I see this city on the hill that deserves so much more, and I have the management skills best suited to this office. Jobs, safety and access to education and recreation all come with the qualified leadership I offer.

Please vote for John-Paul Valdez.

www.VoteValdez2013.org

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

YVONNE PARKS **AGE: 76**
OCCUPATION: Incumbent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your Mayor, I am proud of our many successes.

Our local economy is growing and new major retailers are choosing Desert Hot Springs. This means new businesses and new jobs.

Desert Hot Springs is leading the entire Coachella Valley in increased sales tax revenue and increased bed tax revenues also. That means we are attracting more visitors - that grows our local economy.

Public safety improvements are making our neighborhoods and schools safer and more attractive to home buyers and investors. Crime is down and graffiti is under control.

We have made tremendous progress toward cleaning up our most troubled neighborhoods and it shows. Home values are on the rise and that is benefiting our entire housing market.

I am working hard to improve our quality of life. We have upgraded parks to accommodate youth recreation, little league and soccer. We have improved our Senior Center and expanded opportunities for group activities.

We have repaired over 48 miles of streets, including curbs, gutters and sidewalks, we completed the Palm and Indian overpasses and the annexation of property to I-10.

Let's keep the momentum going and continue to move our City forward.

VOTE YVONNE PARKS, MAYOR

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

JOE MCKEE

OCCUPATION: Retired Corporate Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am proud of our town, our rich resources, and our bright prospects for a better future.

CRIME PREVENTION

We need to support working families, help the homeless, and reach out to the mentally ill and addicted. I want to develop crime prevention initiatives that address these issues.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Desert Hot Springs faces a budget deficit. I have the experience and background to put our financial house in order.

I OPPOSE any new taxes on the hardworking people of Desert Hot Springs.

I am a problem solver and will bring a new spirit to improve the council.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

I envision a village downtown supported by parks and shops that draw families to the heart of our City. I will work to develop business opportunities that offer good paying jobs for the people who live here.

FAIRNESS

I believe in fairness in Desert Hot Springs. Everyone who seeks a permit or brings an idea forward for an event, development, or business should comply with the same rules as anyone else. No special favors for the select few.

I will work to improve everyone's quality of life.

Join me in making Desert Hot Springs a better place to live.

Vote for Joe McKee.

www.mckee4council.com

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

SCOTT MATAS

OCCUPATION: City Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Scott Matas is the Pro-Business and Pro-Public Safety choice for Desert Hot Springs.

Scott Matas has lived in Desert Hot Springs for 42 years and he has proven himself as a business leader and a community leader.

For 20 years, Scott served as a volunteer firefighter and 15 years as a coach, board member and umpire for Little League. He has dedicated himself to creating and sustaining positive and productive programs that serve the quality of life.

As a City Councilmember, Scott keeps the City on a positive course by making the tough decisions necessary to:

Balance our City Budget with common sense cuts.

Promote our local economy, because a healthy Desert Hot Springs business community means a healthy city.

Protect police and fire service levels to safeguard our community.

Support our schools and recreation opportunities for our kids.

Desert Hot Springs needs Scott Matas on City Council, which is why Scott has been awarded two community service awards by two different Mayors (2002 and 2006) – multiple appreciations, certificates and Volunteer of the Year from the Desert Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Company.

Please vote for common sense leadership and common sense solutions.

Vote Scott Matas – www.scottmatas.com

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

ROBERT BENTLEY

AGE: 45

OCCUPATION: Author / Journalist / Reverend

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

23% Vote - Mayor Race 2011

Hometown Since 1977

21-Year Homeowner

Lifetime Doing What's Right - For You

Boy Scout - Order of the Arrow Chapter Chief

U.S. Army Airborne

DHS Police Commissioner

Financial Auditor

Privacy is your right

Reject Bullying - Embrace Civility

Honesty not Corruption - Remember Bell, California?

Millions Gone? Where? Independent Audit!!!

Transparency not Secrecy; Kindness not Meanness

Government = Your Servant Not Master

Justice with Forgiveness - Let our better angels guide us. The Future vs.

The Past - Leave embarrassment behind. Demonstrate Dignity &

Respect - Turn the other cheek. (Repeat if needed); Balanced &

Open-Minded - I'm not bought. My incentive is to do what you want

Elevate Our Reputation - Show the world. Beware Biased Incompetent

Media - Sensationalistic Garbage = Breaking News; America is off track.

Our rights are under attack. Take America back. Government messes up

- You pay the price; It's about you, your life. I sincerely care about you. I

want all the best for you. I've always been there fighting for you. I humbly

ask, please vote Bentley for City Council. Together We Win; Thank You;

www.ILoveDHS.com; Please Contribute - Stand up for what you know is

right. You make the difference.

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

JAN PYE

AGE: 61

OCCUPATION: Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am proud of what we the City Council have accomplished and I am proud of what we have done as a City. There is greater success we can achieve, and I want to help accomplish those goals.

A stronger local economy and more local jobs are priorities of mine.

As Co-Chair of the City's Economic Development Subcommittee, I have helped attract new major retailers to our community. Desert Hot Springs loses over \$2 million in sales tax revenue every year because our residents are given greater shopping choices in neighboring communities.

That must change.

It is my priority to attract new businesses and keep those tax revenues in our own community.

Public safety is improving. We have more police on the street, graffiti is under control, and our neighborhoods that need the most help are getting cleaned up. It is working – Desert Hot Springs home values are on the rise.

We have new schools, a new Health and Wellness Community Center and essential new resources for our Senior Citizens as well as our youth.

That is progress that makes Desert Hot Springs a better place to live, and I am glad to be part of that success.

Please vote Jan Pye for City Council.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY**

JAMES CIOFFI

OCCUPATION: Architect

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am committed to continue to serve as a Director of the Desert Water Agency. I am proud of the Agency's service to the community – a service that goes far beyond providing a safe, reliable water supply.

As your Desert Water Agency Director I will continue to insure the Agency is a productive, positive partner with the community, continuing its role in providing community needs, including:

- Affordable water rates and secure water supply
- Economic stability, and protection of water rights
- Progress in green energy
- More advances in recycled water and water conservation
- Public safety through a safe and reliable water supply

I have lived in Palm Springs for more than 50 years and started my own architectural practice over thirty years ago.

I have always been active in community and government, servings on numerous boards and committees including terms as chairman of the Palm Springs Planning Commission and Architectural Advisory Committee.

These years of public service taught me the value of listening and making important decisions that contribute to the vitality and prosperity of our community.

Consider experience and leadership and vote for Jim Cioffi for Desert Water Agency Board.

Cioffi4dwa.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY**

PATRICIA "PAT" OYGAR

AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: Director, Desert Water Agency

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Water is a precious public resource. Let's keep it that way.

Conservation, in combination with effective policy making and planning is the key to keeping water supply and demand in balance.

I am committed to cracking down on water waste. Recycling, conservation, efficient landscaping and public education are top priorities.

Water rates have remained steady since 1993, avoiding skyrocketing cost increases to you, the ratepayer. I will continue to insure a stable rate structure that is affordable and equitable.

I have worked hard to secure new sources of water. As the Valley continues to grow, I will continue to insure there will be no shortage of water to serve our local needs.

My experience has taught me all water users must have a seat at the regional planning table. We have to work together if it's going to work at all.

I am committed to protecting the safety and purity of our local water.

Re-electing me insures a safe, affordable and plentiful local water supply for years to come.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Pat Oygara, Desert Water Agency Board Member

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY**

JOE STUART

OCCUPATION: Retired FBI Agent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am requesting your vote for DWA Director.

I was born and raised in Palm Springs. Water is the life blood of our valley and drives our economy. Without a reliable supply of high quality water, our economy and way of life would suffer. With proper stewardship, education and conservation efforts, we can all continue to enjoy life in the desert in a sustainable manner.

Prior to being appointed as a Director in 2012, I attended DWA board meetings for two years, reviewed financial statements and testified at rate hearings. I have inspected the length of the State Water Project and the Colorado River Aqueduct on tours with the Metropolitan Water District. I understand the complex economic and engineering challenges of transporting water to our desert.

Following my appointment, I have promoted DWA's conservation, education, solar and sustainability programs. I am dedicated to providing the public with safe, reliable water at an affordable price while safeguarding your water rights.

My past administrative experience as the senior FBI Agent in Palm Springs and my financial expertise as an accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner are unique skills that I bring to the DWA board. I respectfully request your vote. Please visit Stuart4DWA.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY**

MICHAEL PAUL PADUANO

AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Realtor / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Have you heard, we are being sued? One might wonder, how did we get into this situation? It appears that no one is minding the store with an adequate degree of seriousness. New leadership is necessary.

Providing sufficient water in the desert is serious and complex. Residents and business owners need to know that the valley will continue to grow.

New leadership is necessary and I would like to accept this challenge. I have experience at the state and local level working on committees including local governmental affairs, legislation, and property management.

What is at stake is our economy, higher rates in water, the availability of clean affordable water, jobs, and water quality and conservation.

The Desert Sun (July 10, 2013) reports, "A grand jury has inspected the operations of water districts and released a report focusing on transparency as well as the salaries and benefits." The Desert Water Agency pointed out errors in some of the figures listed in the report...incorrect higher numbers were listed in the grand jury's report.

Really? A grand jury report? A negative one? Does this sit well with you?

Things need to change and I would like to accept the challenge.

www.ElectMichaelPaduanoDWA.org ; mp4dwa@gmail.com

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FROM

DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?



FIRST
CLASS
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PLACE STAMP HERE

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RIVERSIDE CA 92507-0923



NOTICE TO THE VOTER WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

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

- **By mail.** You may request a vote-by-mail ballot. Simply complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet. The application must be mailed to reach the Registrar of Voters Office by the deadline given.
- **Early Voting.** You may vote at the Registrar of Voters office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507, October 7 - November 4 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 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.

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VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 29, 2013

I hereby request a ballot for the Consolidated General Election, November 5, 2013.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED

CITY STATE ZIP

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

CITY STATE ZIP

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

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

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

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REQUIRED

SIGNATURE OF VOTER DATE

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BALLOT
TYPE 018

✓ **You May Cast Your Vote Early**
at

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↓ LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE ↓



ACCESS?

