

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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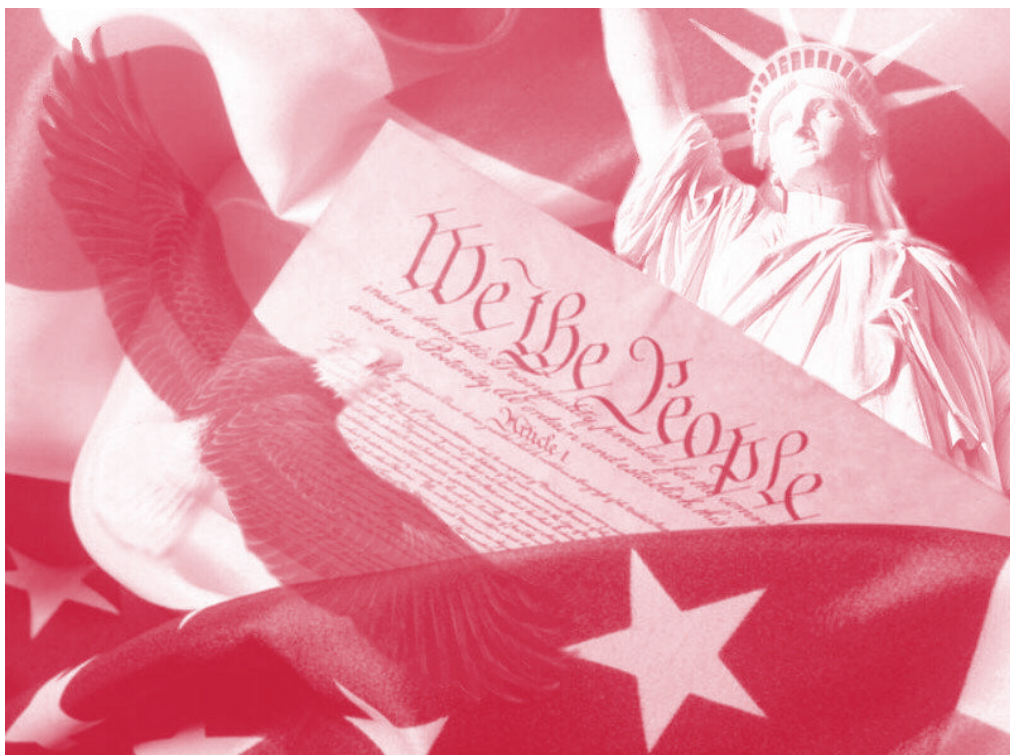
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Vote-By-Mail

October 7th - October 29th
Application on Back Cover

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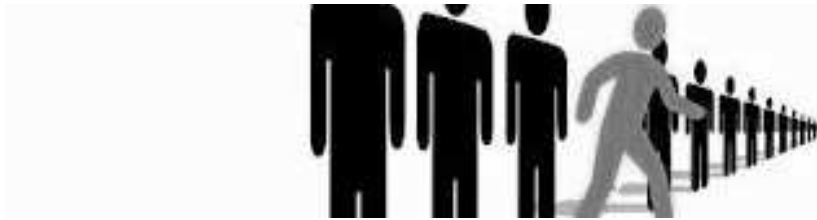
Una traducción en Español de esta Boleta de Muestra y Folleto de Información al Votante puede obtenerse en la oficina del Registro de Votantes llamando al (951) 486-7200 o 1 (800) 773-VOTE (8683) o visite nuestro sitio web www.voteinfo.net



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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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

OPT-IN TO VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT ONLINE!

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

It's easy and great for the environment.

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



Kari Verjil
Registrar of Voters



Rebecca Spencer
Assistant Registrar of Voters

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dear Voter:

November 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.

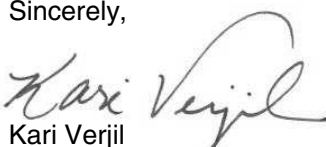
Vote Early at the Palm Springs Public Library: Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Accessible electronic voting units and vote-by-mail drop-off box will also be available at the Palm Springs Public Library.

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 BLYTHE CIUDAD DE BLYTHE	
City Council Member Miembro del Concejo Municipal	
Vote for no more than Three / Vote por no más de Tres	
OSCAR GALVAN Incumbent Titular	☐ ☐
TIMOTHY "TIM" WADE Retired Police Captain Capitán de la Policía Jubilado	☐ ☐
JOSEPH "JOEY" DE-CONINCK Farmer / Businessman Agricultor / Empresario	☐ ☐
DALE S. REYNOLDS Administrative Supervisor Supervisor de Administración	☐ ☐
SAM PATEL Incumbent Titular	☐ ☐
SHARON "SHERI" JONES College Administrator Administradora de Colegio	☐ ☐
	☐ ☐
	☐ ☐
	☐ ☐
City Clerk / Secretario Municipal	
Vote for One / Vote por Uno	
MALLORY KRISTA SUTTERFIELD Incumbent Titular	☐ ☐
	☐ ☐
Treasurer / Tesorero	
Vote for One / Vote por Uno	
CHRISTA ELMS Appointed Incumbent Titular Nombrada	☐ ☐
	☐ ☐
MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS MEDIDA SOMETIDA A LOS VOTANTES	
CITY OF BLYTHE CIUDAD DE BLYTHE	
C CHANGING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER POSITIONS FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED. Shall the offices of city clerk and city treasurer be appointed?	
CAMBIO DE LOS PUESTOS DE SECRETARIO DE LA CIUDAD Y TESORERO DE LA CIUDAD DE ELEGIDOS A DESIGNADOS. ¿Deberán ser designados los puestos de secretario de la ciudad y tesorero de la ciudad?	
Yes / Sí	☐ ☐
No / No	☐ ☐



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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.

Statements made on the following pages represent the views of authors and are not endorsed by the County of Riverside. Internet website addresses included in any statements are provided by the authors. The County of Riverside assumes no liability for the accuracy or content of websites listed therein.

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
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BLYTHE**

OSCAR GALVAN

AGE: 67

OCCUPATION: Retired Driver

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have proudly served the community of Blythe for several decades in many capacities, most recently as a member of the City of Blythe City Council from 2010 to the present.

My leadership has been honored by my peers with my selection as the City's Mayor beginning 2012.

I am still working on the goals that I have established as a City Councilman. I am seeking your vote so that I can ensure the continued financial stability of our city and my work toward the betterment of the city's work in our community. This includes sound budgeting and opening positions for hire at the city.

I am committed to the betterment of our city and community and pledge my persistence and loyalty to it's citizens. I am a sound decision maker and listen to what our community members have to say on issues. I remain open to ideas for the improvements we have before us. And would appreciate your vote so we can work together on issues we face as a forward-looking community...

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BLYTHE**

TIMOTHY D. WADE

OCCUPATION: Retired Police Captain

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a lifelong resident of Blythe and a member of the Blythe Police Department for 23 years, I have fought on the front lines of our community, working to make it a better and safer place for all residents. I served the city as a patrol officer, sergeant, detective, lieutenant and captain before retiring in 2009. Serving the community, I have faced many challenges and overcame many crisis, both professional and personal. My goal is to provide services first and upgrade our infrastructures so we can attract businesses, increase revenue and provide even more services for residents. We need qualified people who are in touch with those who call Blythe home. I promise to make a difference.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BLYTHE**

JOSEPH "JOEY" DE-CONINCK

AGE: 59

OCCUPATION: Farmer / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Joey DeConinck. I am seeking a third term on Blythe City Council. When I first ran eight years ago, who could have envisioned the financial disasters soon to hit all levels of government? Blythe was hit harder than some but the progress we've made these past few years has been tremendous.

I have served the community faithfully and I find myself even more determined to help Blythe progress. The partnerships I have forged, including Riverside County and PVID, have proven invaluable.

I have served on the boards of regional agencies in an effort to collectively find answers, including Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Riverside County Transportation Commission, and Mohave Desert Air Quality Management District. Through my participation, Blythe's needs have been represented.

Blythe has been home since 1972. My wife and I own two businesses, I farm 1,500 acres, and together we employ 14 people. I believe many will say integrity is my prominent trait and I feel my deeds support that belief.

My success on the council has been due to many people, both within and outside of government, but we need to do even more. With your help, I am committed to continuing the effort.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BLYTHE**

SHARON JONES

OCCUPATION: College Administrator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Sheri Jones and I am a former psychology instructor and current Vice President of Instructional and Student Services for Palo Verde College. I have worked in education for nearly 20 years, both as a teacher of social sciences and as an administrator. I have a master's degree in psychology, and am currently a doctoral candidate. I am running for City Council because I have seen significant progress in our city, and believe there are tremendous opportunities to continue the positive momentum. I hope to bring a renewed sense of optimism to city government.

As a psychologist and career educator, I have found that a woman's perspective on community issues can be vitally important, and this has been missing from our City Council. I would like to emphasize the educational and cultural opportunities that are flourishing in Blythe, and promote a stimulating and safe community for our families.

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE "C"

CHANGING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER POSITIONS FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED. Shall the offices of city clerk and city treasurer be appointed?

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "C"

Every city is required by State Law to have a City Clerk and a City Treasurer. Currently, in the City of Blythe these positions are filled by election of the voters every four years. A yes vote on Measure "C" would allow the City Council to appoint persons to fill these positions. Over 70% of the 482 incorporated cities and towns in California have voted to allow their City Clerk and Treasurer to be appointed rather than elected. If this measure is approved, the City Council would be authorized to establish professional criteria for both positions, and then fill them through appointment by the City Council. The City Manager would fill the positions only if it is authorized by the Council. The appointments would take effect upon the expiration of the officeholder's current term or upon any earlier vacancy in the position.

The City Clerk has a number of responsibilities prescribed by State Law. These responsibilities include keeping records of Council proceedings and ordinances; acting as the custodian of the City Seal; serving as the City's elections' official for municipal elections; receiving claims against the City; and receiving the financial disclosure statements of the City's public officials. In addition, under current local practice, the City Clerk is responsible for providing notices of council meetings, compiling the Council agenda packets, and serving as the City's primary records manager.

The City Treasurer's duties are to receive and safely keep all money coming into Blythe's treasury; to comply with all laws governing the depositing and securing of public funds; to pay money only on warrants signed by legally designated persons; to submit a monthly written report and accounting of receipts; provide disbursements and fund balances; and to perform duties required for the collection of city taxes and license fees, as prescribed by ordinance. With the assistance of the City's Finance Director, the City Treasurer is also responsible for investing idle cash possessed by the Finance Department.

Currently, the City Clerk and Treasurer must be residents of the City in order to qualify for election. If Measure "C" passes, the City Clerk and Treasurer would be able to live outside of the City. These positions could also be consolidated with other positions in the City to avoid duplication of functions.

The City could save on benefits and related expenses if existing City employees were appointed to fill the positions of City Clerk and Treasurer. Approval of Measure "C" will also save the City on election costs every four years, from not having to put these two positions on the ballot.

By: Christian L. Bettenhausen
City Attorney, Blythe

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "C." If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Blythe City Clerk's office at (760) 922-6161 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "C"

The Blythe City Council urges a "YES" vote on Measure "C" to make the positions of City Clerk and City Treasurer appointed rather than elected.

The City Clerk and Treasurer must possess certain technical skills. As things presently stand it's possible for a person with little or no experience could run and win. By appointing a City Clerk and Treasurer, the City Council could ensure that the individuals undertaking these duties have the appropriate education and experience necessary, as opposed to simply being capable of running a successful campaign. For this reason, over 70% of the 482 incorporated Cities and towns in California have voted to appoint their City Clerk and Treasurer.

Currently the City Clerk and Treasurer can only be removed from office through a recall campaign. Appointing the City Clerk and Treasurer would make both positions accountable through the City's personnel rules and procedures. This means an unqualified City Clerk or Treasurer would not be able to maintain their position while the people await the outcome of an expensive and lengthy recall process.

Appointing these positions would save money. The City would save on the cost to run an election to fill these positions every four years. There would be financial savings to the City in benefits that would not have to be paid if the appointee were an existing City employee. That is because existing employees already receive benefits, and the City saves by not having to pay those benefits twice.

Whether elected or appointed, the City Clerk and Treasurer will work for the people. The only question then is which selection process will produce the most qualified person and be the most economical? The answer is clear; both positions need to be appointed. Therefore, the Blythe City Council urges a "YES" vote on Measure "C".

By: Oscar Galvan, Mayor

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE "C"

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
October 7 through 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.

Election Day, November 5
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AND AT THE PALM SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Learning Center
300 S Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262-7639
October 26, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



VOTE-BY-MAIL

You can request your OFFICIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT by using the application
on the back of this sample ballot booklet.

Return your vote-by-mail ballot by mail or at the following drop-off locations
throughout Riverside County October 7 to November 4:

★ ★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
• City Clerk's Offices (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.	<u>Participating City Clerk's Offices</u> Banning Blythe Canyon Lake Coachella Desert Hot Springs Menifee Moreno Valley Norco Palm Springs Perris Riverside	Check out our website for all of the drop-off locations throughout Riverside County at WWW.VOTEINFO.NET or call our office at 951-486-7200 or 1-800-773-VOTE(8683)

FROM

DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?



FIRST
CLASS
POSTAGE

PLACE STAMP HERE

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2724 GATEWAY DRIVE
RIVERSIDE CA 92507-0923



NOTICE TO THE VOTER WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

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

- **By mail.** You may request a vote-by-mail ballot. Simply complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet. The application must be mailed to reach the Registrar of Voters Office by the deadline given.
- **Early Voting.** You may vote at the Registrar of Voters office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507, 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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2724 GATEWAY DRIVE
RIVERSIDE, CA 92507-0918



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Riverside

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 ↓

**SIGNATURE
REQUIRED**

SIGNATURE OF VOTER DATE

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**BALLOT
TYPE 028**

✓ You May Cast Your Vote Early
at

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

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TO MARK YOUR VOTE
DRAW A LINE



VOTE!!!

↓ LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE ↓



ACCESS?



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