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RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Press Release

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Tomorrow (10/26) is deadline to request vote-by-mail ballot for Nov. 2 election

## Video highlights Registrar's shift to around-the-clock operations

Tomorrow (Oct. 26) is the last day for voters to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the Nov. 2 election and have it returned by mail. Requests must be received by the Registrar of Voters by 5 p.m. for a ballot to be mailed. To ensure requests are received before the deadline, voters should deliver requests in person to the Registrar's office at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside or by faxing to (951) 486-7272.

Request forms are located on the back of each sample-ballot booklet and on the Registrar of Voters website (<a href="www.voteinfo.net">www.voteinfo.net</a>). After the Oct. 26 deadline, only inperson requests at the Registrar's office for vote-by-mail ballots can be honored. The Registrar of Voters office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A record number of voters, nearly 395,000, already have requested vote-by-mail ballots for the upcoming election.

Voters may check the status of their vote by mail ballot on the Registrar's web site (<u>www.voteinfo.net</u>).

Processing of vote-by-mail ballots began Oct. 22 and will continue around the clock through Election Day. A new video that describes the work under way has been posted on the Registrar's website (<a href="www.voteinfo.net">www.voteinfo.net</a>) and on YouTube (<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPR88dD5XKA">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPR88dD5XKA</a>). The video shows some of the new equipment and systems being used to count vote-by-mail ballots that voters already have returned.

Registrar of Voters Barbara Dunmore expects that most, if not all, vote-by-mail ballots returned before Election Day will be counted by the time the polls close and that results will be ready for release soon after. By law, the results from vote-by-mail ballots cannot be released until after the polls close.