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Ballots for May 1 election should be dropped off, <u>not</u> mailed

To ensure that ballots reach election officials in time to be counted in Tuesday's election (May 1), voters should not return their ballots by mail after Friday (April 27).

After Friday, voters are encouraged to return their ballots to the drop-off box located at the San Gorgonio Memorial Health Care District Office at 600 N. Highland Springs Ave. in Banning or the 24-hour drop-box at the front entrance to the Registrar of Voters office at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside.

The special mail-ballot election includes voters in the San Gorgonio Memorial Health Care District. The May 1 election is being conducted completely by mail ballot, so there are no established polling places. Ballots must reach the registrar by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Ballots with postmarks before the deadline are not accepted and <u>cannot</u> be counted if they reach the registrar's office after the 8 p.m. deadline on Tuesday.

As of Monday (April 23), approximately 33,600 vote-by-mail ballots had been sent to voters and 10,300 had been returned. Registrar of Voters Kari Verjil encourages every eligible voter to cast a ballot in the election.