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Vote-by-mail ballots for March 12 election on the way starting Monday

Approximately 44,000 vote-by-mail ballots will be mailed to voters starting Monday (Feb. 11) for the Senate District 40 Special Primary Election on March 12. Ballots should arrive in mailboxes by the end of the week. Voted ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters office by 8 p.m. on March 12 to be counted in the upcoming election.

The District 40 Senate election encompasses all or portions of Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, East Blythe, Indio, Mecca and Thousand Palms and is not a countywide election. Call the Registrar's office at (951) 486-7200 if you have any questions about your eligibility to vote.

Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned through the postal service or deposited in the vote-by-mail drop-off box at the Registrar of Voters office. The 24-hour drop box is available outside the main entrance of the registrar's office at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside. Vote-by-mail ballots also may be dropped off at any open polling place within Riverside County before 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters have until March 5 to request a vote-by-mail ballot by completing the request form on the back of their sample ballot or by using the application form on the Registrar of Voters' website at www.voteinfo.net. The forms may be returned by mail or fax to (951) 486-7272.

Early voting at the Registrar of Voters office begins Monday (Feb. 11) and runs through March 11, Monday through Friday (excluding county holidays), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.