

County of Riverside



Registrar of Voters

Polling Place Location  
on Back Cover  
Polls Open  
March 25, 2014  
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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**Last Day  
To Register To Vote  
March 10, 2014**  
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Quick • Easy • Convenient

**Vote-By-Mail**

February 24th - March 18th  
Application on Back Cover

**AVISO IMPORTANTE**

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](http://www.voteinfo.net)

# ***State Senate District 23 Special Primary Election***

*Tuesday, March 25, 2014  
Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet*



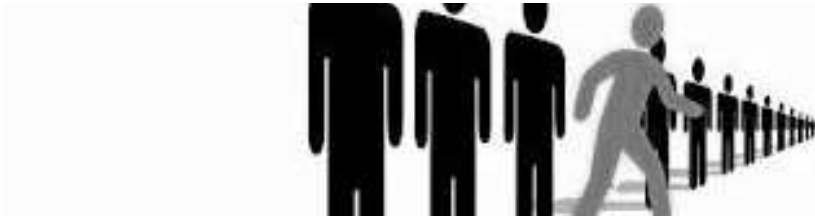
**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

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# Get out of line on Election Day!



## VOTE-BY-MAIL

Quick, easy and convenient...  
from the comfort of your home!

See application on back cover

## VOTE EARLY

at the

Riverside County Registrar of Voters Office

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](http://www.voteinfo.net)  
or call 951-486-7200 or 1-800-773-VOTE(8683)





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**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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Dear Voter:

A special vacancy election for the 23<sup>rd</sup> State Senate District will be held March 25, 2014. This Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet provides ballot marking instructions, polling place location and hours, candidate information, and other election details that are important for you to review before you vote. You may mark your selections on your Sample Ballot and take it with you to the polls for easy reference.

Did you know that Vote-by-Mail ballots received in the Registrar of Voters office before Election Day are the first ballots counted on Election Night? For voter convenience, completed ballots can be returned inside the Registrar of Voters office daily during business hours or deposited 24 hours a day in the locked drop box outside the main entrance. Ballots may also be dropped off at any Riverside County polling place on Election Day. You will find an application to receive a Vote-by-Mail Ballot on the back cover of this pamphlet.

Voting early is another great option. You may vote early at the Registrar of Voters office at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside, Monday through Friday beginning February 24.

You can learn more about voting by mail or voting early by reviewing this pamphlet or by visiting [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net) or by calling (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

The Registrar of Voters team is here to serve you. Thank you for participating in this election -- your vote counts!

Sincerely,

Registrar of Voters



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Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

# Senate District 23 Special Primary Election

## ***California State Senate, 23rd District Vacancy***

Governor Brown issued a proclamation for a Special Primary Election to be held on March 25, 2014 to fill a vacancy in the 23rd Senate District.

In a special vacancy election, like the one in Senate District 23, if no candidate receives 50% +1 vote of the total votes cast (a simple majority), then a runoff election will be scheduled for June 3, 2014. If no candidate receives the required number of votes, then the top two candidates appear on the ballot for the June 3, 2014 Special General Election.

## ***Elections in California***

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, which took effect January 1, 2011, requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Previously known as partisan offices, voter-nominated offices are state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices. Only the two candidates receiving the most votes—regardless of party preference—move on to the general election regardless of vote totals.

If one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast at the special primary election, he or she will be elected to fill the vacancy and no special general election will be held.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices can only run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate can only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

**California law requires that the following information be printed in this pamphlet.**

## ***Voter-Nominated Offices***

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. In the county sample ballot booklet, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election, unless the candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the primary election.

If one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast at the special primary election, he or she will be elected to fill the vacancy and no special general election will be held.

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CAN'T MAKE IT ON ELECTION DAY?  
WE'RE MAKING IT EASY TO VOTE EARLY

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**AT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE**

2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507  
February 24 through March 24  
(excluding Holidays)

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day, March 25  
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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**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 February 24 to March 24:

★ ★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City Clerk's Offices (as listed)</li><li>• The Registrar of Voters Office up until close of polls on Election Day.</li><li>• The Registrar of Voters 24-hour Drop Box is available east of the main entry doors.</li><li>• At any Polling Place in Riverside County on Election Day.</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Participating City Clerk's Offices</u></b></p> <p>Banning Beaumont Calimesa Hemet Menifee San Jacinto</p>	<p>Check out our website for all of the drop-off locations throughout Riverside County at <a href="http://WWW.VOTEINFO.NET">WWW.VOTEINFO.NET</a> or call our office at 951-486-7200 or 1-800-773-VOTE(8683)</p>

# 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.

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**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](http://www.voteinfo.net)

# SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA EJEMPLAR

SENATE DISTRICT 23 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION / ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA ESPECIAL PARA EL DISTRITO 23 DEL SENADO

March 25, 2014 / 25 de marzo de 2014

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

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICE	
CARGO NOMBRADO POR LOS VOTANTES	
STATE SENATOR / SENADOR ESTATAL	
23rd Senatorial District Distrito Senatorial Núm. 23 Vote for One / Vote por Uno	
<b>JEFF HEWITT</b> Party Preference: Libertarian Councilman / Business Owner Preferencia de Partido: Libertario Concejal / Propietario de Empresa	← 
<b>RONALD J. O'DONNELL</b> Party Preference: Democratic Educator / Author Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Educador / Escritor	← 
<b>AMEENAH FULLER</b> Party Preference: Democratic Government Consultant Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Consultora de Gobierno	← 
<b>MIKE MORRELL</b> Party Preference: Republican Business Owner / Assemblymember Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Propietario de Empresa / Miembro de la Asamblea	← 
<b>CRYSTAL RUIZ</b> Party Preference: Republican Mayor Pro Tem Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Alcaldesa Interina	← 
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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**

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. Deposit amounts required for publication of candidate statements are listed on our website at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net).

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### **Campaign Finance Reform**

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The following persons have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the limits have the opportunity to publish a statement of qualifications in the local sample ballot pamphlet.

#### **STATE SENATE, 23RD DISTRICT**

Jeff Hewitt, Libertarian  
Ronald J. O'Donnell, Democratic  
Mike Morrell, Republican  
Crystal Ruiz, Republican

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### **Party Endorsements Elections Code § 13302(b)**

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The County Elections Official shall print a list of all candidates for Voter-Nominated Offices that are endorsed by the following qualified political parties:

#### **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Ameenah Fuller, State Senator, 23rd District

#### **LIBERTARIAN PARTY**

Jeff Hewitt, State Senator, 23rd District



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
STATE SENATOR,  
23RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**JEFFREY HEWITT, Libertarian**

**OCCUPATION: Councilman / Business Owner**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I believe our forefathers envisioned a government made up of citizens who came from varied backgrounds to share their experiences and work together in directions that serve the common good.

I seek this office because I feel I have gained the wisdom and experience necessary to make hard policy decisions that will benefit our community and California as a whole. My grandfather was born in Redlands in 1886, and like he and my father, I have lived most of my life in the Inland Empire. I grew up in Oak Glen and graduated from Yucaipa High in 1971. Since that time, I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Cal State San Bernardino.

As a small business contractor, I have dug thousands of swimming pools throughout District 23, giving me a deep appreciation of what inland citizens want for their families, and expect from our government.

In 2004, I was appointed to the Calimesa Planning Commission, becoming chairman a few years later. In 2010, I was elected to the Calimesa City Counsel where I now serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. I currently sit on the San Gorgonio Pass Water Task Force dealing with problems related to our most valuable resource.

I spent much of my childhood in Mexico, becoming fluent in Spanish allowing me to communicate with most Californians. I am married with six children, six grandkids, and as a proud Californian I will strive to leave the next generation with a better future than our own.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
STATE SENATOR,  
23RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**MIKE MORRELL, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Assemblymember**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

As a business owner for over 25 years, I felt compelled to run for the State Legislature in 2010. My goal was to help restore California to its greatness by limiting government power in our lives and improving our business and educational climate.

My wife Joanie and I have lived in this area all our lives. We were married here, we own a home here, we opened a business here, and we raised our children David, Kristen and Matthew here. We believe it is our duty as parents to leave the Inland Empire a better place than we found it. That's why I am running for State Senate.

As your Senator, I hope to achieve four goals:

1. Help businesses create jobs so that citizens have opportunities for economic prosperity and for safety in retirement.
2. Raise academic standards so that our children are prepared for the future.
3. Protect citizens by stopping the "Early Release" of convicted felons.
4. Reduce bureaucratic waste and regulatory burdens, and balance our state's budget.

Government's job is to work for us, not against us; to provide more freedom and opportunity, not less. Citizens thrive when we keep more of the money we earn so that we can invest in our lives and the lives of our loved ones.

I am deeply committed to these principles and will work hard to serve you. I would be honored to receive your vote on March 25th.

Sincerely,  
Mike Morrell

For more information, please visit [www.VoteMikeMorrell.com](http://www.VoteMikeMorrell.com).

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
STATE SENATOR,  
23RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**CRYSTAL RUIZ, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: Mayor Pro Tem**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

There is a huge disconnect between Sacramento and us regular folks. There are too many career politicians who only care what's best for them. I'm tired of politics as usual, that is why I'm running for State Senate.

I am currently the Mayor Pro Tem in San Jacinto where I've been working on the Film San Jacinto Project to bring filming to the local community. My children are in the local schools which is why education is so important to me. My husband couldn't get a job, that's why job creation is so important to me. I'm in the healthcare field, that's why healthcare is so important to me. Our district desperately needs police officers and that's why finding ways to fund them is so important to me. I know what you're going through because I am one of you.

I am a businesswoman who knows the importance of protecting and building small businesses. I believe we can fix the economy but we need to get people working in order to do so. When I'm in Sacramento I will be working to bring jobs back to the local economy, working to curb government spending and working to keep our children safe.

This election is about you and who is going to represent you best. I will never forget who I work for. As your State Senator I will always work for you!

With your support we can make a difference in our communities!

Please visit [www.electcrystalruiz.com](http://www.electcrystalruiz.com)

FROM

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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, February 24 - March 24 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Election Day, March 25, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **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.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
2724 GATEWAY DRIVE  
RIVERSIDE, CA 92507-0918



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Riverside

**VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 18, 2014**

I hereby request a ballot for the State Senate District 23 Special Primary Election, March 25, 2014.

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** 001

**✓ You May Cast Your Vote Early**

At

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**VOTE-BY-MAIL**

**Election Day March 25**

**7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**

Accessible Voting Unit available at all polling locations.

**TO MARK YOUR VOTE  
DRAW A LINE**



**VOTE!!!**

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↓ **LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE** ↓



ACCESS?

