

ELECTION NEWS

From the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SUBJECT: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

With the June 8th Statewide Primary Election fast approaching, the Registrar of Voters wants to remind vote by mail voters to allow sufficient postal transit time for their ballots to reach the registrar's office by the Election Day deadline. Election Day postmarks are not acceptable.

Vote by mail ballots can be dropped off at the Registrar of Voters' office Monday through Friday from 8am until 5pm, or Saturday, June 5th from 9am until 3pm. Ballots also can be dropped off at any San Bernardino County polling place on Election Day until 8pm.

Voting instructions are included with the ballot, and when marking their ballots, voters should note that the ballot contains contests on both sides and should remember to turn over the ballot to mark all possible selections.

Voters who send their ballots via the US Postal Service can be sure that the voting method is secure and efficient, and that all ballots received are processed for counting. To reassure voters, the registrar's office has implemented a tracking link on their website. Voters can enter simple information about their registered address and see the delivery status of their ballot. The link is: <http://www.sbcounty.gov/rov/vbm/>.

The ballot for the June 8 primary election is larger than most ballots and will require 61 cents postage when returning it to the Registrar of Voters.

The registrar works to keep the ballot as economical as possible, but ultimately, the number of candidates, local measures, and statewide propositions dictates the size of the paper ballot needed. Vote-by-mail voters are informed of the postage necessary in the vote by mail instruction inserts included with the ballot.

June 1st is the deadline to request a vote by mail ballot, and applications must be received by the **Registrar of Voters, 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0770** by that date.

For more information, call (909) 387-8300 / Toll Free (800) 881-VOTE / TDD (909) 387-2788.