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Corrected ballots en route to many county voters

Many absentee voters in the 31st State Senate and 62nd Assembly districts will receive corrected ballots in the mail later this week after the party affiliations of candidates in those two races were mistakenly left off of ballots already mailed to voters.

Approximately 60,000 absentee ballots mailed to voters did not identify Bob Dutton as a Republican and Marjorie Musser Mikels as a Democrat in the 31st State Senate District, or did not identify Marge Mendoza-Ware as a Republican and Joe Baca Jr. as a Democrat in the 62nd Assembly District.

The 31st State Senate District includes Big Bear Lake, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Upland, Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, Crestline, Lake Arrowhead, Running Springs, and portions of San Bernardino and Colton. The 62nd Assembly District includes San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, and Fontana.

The county is working to identify how the error occurred, what the eventual cost will be, and how the cost will be borne.

Many voters may receive the corrected ballot in the mail before they receive the erroneous ballot, because the corrected ballots will be mailed First Class starting tomorrow. The original ballots were mailed at the non-profit rate.

The original ballots without the party affiliations are valid ballots and will be counted if voters use them. The error in no way affects the county's touch-screen voting machines, future absentee ballot mailings, or the paper ballots that will be available at the polls.

The Registrar of Voters can be reached at (909) 387-8300, toll-free at 1-800-881-VOTE, or via TDD at (909) 387-2788.