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General Election Update Postage on Vote By Mail ballots

Sacramento County Vote By Mail voters will begin receiving their ballots in the mail this week, and voters will notice that the ballot cards are longer due to the large volume of contests in this election.

“General Elections always have a longer ballot because many local districts consolidate with statewide elections in order to save costs. And with the 6 state propositions and 8 local measures, we are seeing a very large ballot” says Jill LaVine, Sacramento County’s Registrar of Voters.

“With 19 inch ballot cards, the General Election’s vote by mail ballot envelope will weigh slightly more than one ounce; therefore, 70 cents postage is required to return your ballot,” says LaVine. She cautions that enclosing anything besides the ballot in the envelope such as tape, staples or other paper will tip the scale and require additional postage.

LaVine also encourages voters to mail their ballot early to ensure it is delivered by Election Day. “For each election, we receive hundreds of ballots after Election Day because voters mail them too late” says LaVine. By law, elections officials cannot accept postmarked ballots.

Key Election Dates

October 20 – Last day to register to vote in the November 4 General Election. Voter registration forms must be mailed (postmarked by this date) or delivered to the Elections Office, 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento 95823.

October 28 – Last day to request a vote by mail ballot be mailed to you for the November 4 election. Call (916) 875-6155 for information.

November 4 – General Election. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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