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### **MEDIA ADVISORY: SACRAMENTO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ELECTION UPDATE**

#### **GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT REQUIRES ADDITIONAL POSTAGE**

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 nine state propositions and 11 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, 61 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 paper additions will tip the scale and require additional postage.

LaVine also encourages voters to mail their ballot back 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 dates for voters**

October 18, 2010 - Last day to register to vote in the upcoming Election.

October 26, 2010 - Last day to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you (a Vote-by-Mail ballot request form can be found on the back cover of the Sample Ballot pamphlet or by visiting our website at [www.elections.sacounty.net](http://www.elections.sacounty.net) These requests must be in our office by 5:00 p.m.)

November 2, 2010- Election Day – Polls are open from 7:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.

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