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MEDIA ADVISORY **Sacramento County Special Primary Election Update**

Voting Begins for March 8 Election

Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine announced today that vote-by-mail voting has begun for the upcoming Special Primary Election. Voters can return their completed ballot by mail, drop it off at the Elections Office, or return to any polling location on Election Day, March 8, 2011.

Governor Brown called a March 8 special election for the 4th Assembly District (AD4) to replace Assemblyman Ted Gaines who was elected to the state Senate last month. AD4 covers parts of Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and Alpine County. Sacramento County has the smallest piece with fewer than 40,000 voters. Under the state's new top-two primary system, candidates will compete for the seat on March 8. If no one wins a majority then, the top two vote-getters, regardless of party, will advance to a runoff on May 3.

See the [AD4](#) map on the Elections website for the district boundaries in Sacramento County.

To get information about the upcoming election, as well as details on registering to vote and applying for a vote-by-mail ballot, visit our web site at www.elections.saccounty.net or call (916) 875-6451.

Key dates for voters

- February 22 - Last day to register to vote in Special Primary Election (must be postmarked no later than this date).
- March 1 - Last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed to you. A VBM request form can be found on the back cover of the sample ballot booklet. These requests must be received by the Elections Office no later than 5:00 p.m.
- March 8, 2011 – Election Day – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Alice Jarboe at (916) 875-6761 or 875-6451.

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