News Release

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General Election Update
MEDIA ADVISORY:
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT POSTAGE REQUIREMENT

Vote by Mail ballots will be arriving in mailboxes this week, and voters will notice that the ballot cards are longer this election.

"General Elections often have more contests as many local districts place their contests on the November ballot. With the 11 state propositions and 10 local measures, we are seeing a very long ballot" says Jill LaVine, Sacramento County's Registrar of Voters.

With two 19-inch ballot cards, the General Election's Vote by Mail return envelope will weigh slightly more than one ounce and will require 65 cents postage to mail.

Voters living within the City of Sacramento boundaries will receive three 19-inch ballot cards this November due to the number and size of City contests on the ballot. Postage on these return envelopes will also be 65 cents.

LaVine also encourages voters to return their ballot early. "Ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 6th, in order to be included in the official results. Postmarks are not allowed." says LaVine.

Next week Sacramento County Voters can also drop off their vote by mail ballot at any of the 14 drop-off locations throughout the County. Please visit www.elections.saccounty.net for locations and hours. Voters can also drop off their Vote by Mail ballot at any polling place in their county on Election Day.

Key dates for voters

October 22, 2012 - Last day to register to vote in the upcoming Election.

October 30, 2012 - 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 booklet or by visiting our website at www.elections.saccounty.net. These requests must be in our office by 5:00 p.m.

November 6, 2012- Election Day – Polls are open from 7:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.

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