

Countywide Services Agency

Voter Registration and Elections

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

## **GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT COULD BE THE BIGGEST YET**

Fasten your seat belt and get ready if you intend to vote in this year's General Election on November 4, you could be spending a good amount of time in the voting booth. Election ballots will be double-sided and two pages.

"General Elections always have a longer ballot because of the many local districts that consolidate with statewide elections to place their candidates on the ballot. And with the 12 state propositions and a variety of local measures, we are seeing a very large ballot." Says Jill LaVine, Sacramento County's Registrar of Voters.

"With the longer ballot, the General Election's 19 inch Vote-by-Mail ballot will weigh slightly more than one ounce; therefore, 59 cents postage is required to return your ballot," says LaVine. She cautions that enclosing anything besides the ballot in the envelope such as ballot stubs, tape, staples or paper additions will tip the scale and require additional postage.

On the ballot are numerous local important issues for voters to decide on November 4<sup>th</sup>. LaVine anticipates that polling places will see a steady flow on Election Day.

"Polling places are always busy on Election Day but with this historic election and the number of contests this year, an option for voters who want to avoid the crowds at the polls is to vote a Vote-by-Mail ballot from the comfort of their own home", says LaVine.

### **Key dates for voters**

October 20, 2008 - Last day to register to vote in the upcoming Election.

October 28, 2008 - 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.

These requests must be in our office by 5:00 p.m.)

For more information, contact Brad Buyse at (916) 875-6365.

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