

## Voter Information

June 8, 2010 Primary Election

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On Tuesday, June 8th, between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm, we have the opportunity to go to the polls, exercise our God-given responsibilities and rights, and send a message concerning the direction that our government should take over the course of the next few years. The moral fabric of our nation and our liberties are in great peril.

Are you properly registered to vote for the upcoming June Primary Election? You or your eligible children should (re)register if:

- you have moved or changed your name since the last election in which you voted
- you would like to change your party affiliation
- you are unsure if you are properly registered
- your child or you will turn 18 years old by Election Day

### Registration Details

Registration forms are available at a variety of places: libraries, post offices, city halls, many county offices, and offices of political candidates and political parties. There is no way to register on-line and we do not recommend requesting a voter registration form on-line from the Secretary of State's office. This on-line request process is cumbersome and could take up to 30 days just to get your blank registration form in the mail.

Your signed and completed registration form for your current address must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than May 24th to be eligible to vote in the June 8th election. The earlier you register to vote, the

more likely you are to receive your voter pamphlet and sample ballot in time to prepare to vote.

### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for the June 8th election may be requested between May 10th and June 1st. June 1st is the last day that the Registrar of Voters will accept requests through the mail for absentee ballots.

Voting by absentee ballot allows you to take your time when marking your ballot. It also assures you that no last minute emergency will keep you from casting your important vote.

To request an absentee ballot, fill in the absentee ballot request on the back of your sample ballot. You can request Permanent Absentee Voter status on this same form. You can also obtain an absentee ballot from your county's Registrar of Voters in person up to and including June 8th. Another way of acquiring an absentee ballot is to request one by letter or fax from your county Registrar of Voters. When making your request, include the following information:

1. a short statement saying that you are requesting an absentee ballot
2. your name as you are registered to vote
3. your legal (physical) address, as registered
4. the address to which you want the absentee ballot mailed
5. your contact phone number
6. your date of birth
7. your signature

If you forget to mail in your absentee ballot on time, you can hand deliver it to your local or any polling place in the county in which you are registered or turn it in to your county Registrar of Voters before 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 8th. If you need someone else to hand deliver your absentee ballot, you may authorize a relative or a person residing at your address to do so by filling out the appropriate spot on the accompanying envelope.

Additional questions about absentee ballots can be answered by your local Registrar of Voters.

### **Important Election Dates**

- May 24, 2010 – Last day that the Registrar of Voters will accept new registrations to vote in the June 8, 2010 primary election. For new citizens of the United States, the voter registration deadline is extended by a “Special new citizen voter registration period,” which is from May 25 – June 1, 2010.
- June 1, 2010 – Last day that the Registrar of Voters will accept mailed requests for absentee ballots. However, you can obtain an absentee ballot from your county’s Registrar of Voters **in person** up to and including June 8th.
- June 8, 2010 – ELECTION DAY! Be sure to vote to defend your precious freedoms!

Information about voting and elections is also available at the web site for the Secretary of State: [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov)

### **Other Important Items:**

If you do not have enough information to vote on a particular issue or office, you can leave that space blank and vote on the rest.

Initiatives/propositions, such as many so-called campaign reform measures, are not always what they appear to be. All bond issues, for example, involve government borrowing at interest from the future, putting additional burdens of indebtedness on our children rather than living within our means. Read each proposition carefully, including the “for and against” positions before voting.

Beware of Slate Mailers! “Slate mailers” are election pieces that list a number of candidates and/or propositions to vote for or against. Some slates are legitimate and very helpful, but many are deliberately designed to deceive voters. For example, one slate in a previous election looked like it came from one political party, but it had several ballot propositions listed with positions opposite of that party. Any candidates or propositions with an asterisk by them have paid to advertise on that slate. You may want to consider throwing slate mailers out unless you are convinced that you know the philosophy of the people who produced them and you agree with that philosophy. It is easier to be involved in electing good legislators than it is to fight every bad piece of legislation that comes up in the course of a year.

Be a faithful steward of the freedoms God has entrusted to us. Protect your rights and liberties – get involved in the election process. Register to vote, support good candidates, and vote on June 8th.