



CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE



Dear City of Rancho Mirage Voter:

On April 14, 2020, the City of Rancho Mirage will conduct an election for the purpose of electing two members to the City Council for four-year terms. All ballots for this election will be cast by mail-in ballots – there will be no polling places on Election Day. The Riverside County Registrar of Voters will be conducting this election for the City and all ballots will be mailed, received and counted by the Registrar's Office. Postage-paid envelopes will be provided for mailed ballot return. Residents are encouraged to vote early! It is important to ensure that the back of the return envelope is signed by the voter before mailing. Unsigned ballots will not be counted.

Ballots may be dropped off at Rancho Mirage City Hall, located at 69825 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ballots may also be dropped off at the Registrar of Voters Office, located at 2720 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507. The Registrar's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Both City Hall and the Registrar's Office will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Voted ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots postmarked on Election Day must be received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted).

Please note that March 30, 2020 is the last day to register to vote or transfer registration for this election. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall. Voter registration is also available on the Registrar of Voters website at www.voteinfo.net.

The City Clerk's Office and the Registrar of Voters Office are dedicated to serving the voters of Rancho Mirage and ensuring the integrity and security of the election process. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (760) 324-4511, Ext. 488, or the Registrar of Voters Office at (800) 773-VOTE (8683) or (951) 486-7200, TTY (951) 697-8966.

Sincerely,

Kristie Ramos
City Clerk

RANCHO MIRAGE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

APRIL 14, 2020

POLLING PLACES WILL NOT BE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS ELECTION.

The enclosed ballot is your **OFFICIAL BALLOT** for this election.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Your voted ballot must be in the possession of the Registrar of Voters office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted.

1. Use a black ink pen or marker. **DO NOT use red ink.**
 - a. To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, completely fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.
 - b. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, print the candidate's name in the space provided below the candidates listed for the same office and completely fill in the oval next to the name you have written in. (*Important!* If you do not completely fill in the oval, your vote will not be counted.)
 - c. Completely filling in the oval is preferred. Vote for no more than the number of votes allowed in each contest (e.g. vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.).
2. Remove the top stub and place the voted ballot card in the return envelope provided. Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it.
 - a. Sign your name and print your address where indicated. **If you fail to sign the envelope your vote cannot be counted;** and
 - b. Seal the envelope.
3. Return your ballot:
 - a. By mail:
 - A postage-paid envelope is provided to conveniently return your ballot by mail. Voters residing outside of the territorial limits of the United States must add postage appropriate for their current location.
 - Vote-by-Mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted.
 - b. In person to:
 - The Registrar of Voters office or the Rancho Mirage City Clerk's office during regular business hours and until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Since this is a mail ballot election, there are **no established polling places**.
 - For your convenience the Registrar's office has a locked drop box at its entry for ballot drop off 24 hours a day.
 - c. You may verify that the Registrar of Voters has received your voted ballot by checking the return status online at www.voteinfo.net.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **UNABLE TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT PERSONALLY?** State law allows you to authorize any individual to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot, as long as the authorized person does not receive any form of compensation based on the number of ballots returned. Have your designated representative complete the authorization statement on the enclosed return envelope.
- **SPOILED YOUR BALLOT?** Place the ballot card in the enclosed return envelope, place a check mark in the spoiled box on the return envelope and return it to our office. A new ballot will be sent to you if there is sufficient time to do so. If there is not sufficient time to return your ballot and receive another by mail, you may return your ballot personally to the Registrar of Voters office or call for further instructions at (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-8683.
- **ACCESSIBLE VOTING UNIT.** An Accessible Voting Unit is available at the Registrar of Voters office.
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE.** The registration deadline to vote for this election is March 30, 2020.

Each candidate's statement is volunteered by the candidate. Statements made on the following pages represent the views of authors and are not endorsed by the City of Rancho Mirage or the County of Riverside. Internet website addresses included in any statements are provided by the authors. The County of Riverside, nor the City of Rancho Mirage, assumes any liability for the accuracy or content of websites listed therein. The text, grammar, and spelling are as submitted by the authors.

HOW TO MARK YOUR OFFICIAL PAPER BALLOT

- Completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like the example provided. Check both front and back of ballot for voting contests.
- Use a black ink pen or marker. Do not use red ink.
- Completely filling in the oval is preferred.
- Vote for no more than the number of votes allowed in each contest (e.g., vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.).
- Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it.

TO MARK YOUR VOTE FILL IN THE OVAL



VOTE!!!

Vote First, Count First! Vote-by-Mail ballots received before Election Day are counted first. Return your ballot as soon as possible to ensure that it is included in the first Election Night results!

For a demonstration on marking your ballot visit www.voteinfo.net.

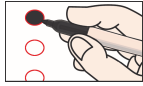
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OFFICIAL BALLOT / BOLETA OFICIAL

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE ELECTION / ELECCIÓN DE LA CIUDAD DE RANCHO MIRAGE RIVERSIDE COUNTY / CONDADO DE RIVERSIDE

APRIL 14, 2020 / 14 DE ABRIL DE 2020



Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like the example to the left. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name in the write-in space and fill in the oval. Use a black ink pen or marker to mark your ballot. **DO NOT USE RED INK.**



Instrucciones a los Votantes: Para votar, completamente rellene el óvalo a la izquierda de su deseo, como el ejemplo a la izquierda. Para votar por un candidato calificado por escrito, escriba el nombre de la persona en el espacio por escrito y rellene el óvalo. Use un bolígrafo o marcador de tinta negra para marcar su boleta. **NO USE TINTA ROJA.**

NONPARTISAN OFFICES CARGOS NO PARTIDARIOS
CITY / CIUDAD
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE CIUDAD DE RANCHO MIRAGE
Member, City Council Miembro, Concejo Municipal
Vote for no more than Two / Vote por no más de Dos
<input type="radio"/> STEPHEN JAFFE Attorney / Mediator / Advocate Abogado / Mediador / Defensor
<input type="radio"/> MAGGIE LOCKRIDGE Businesswoman / Registered Nurse Empresaria / Enfermera Registrada
<input type="radio"/> RICHARD W. KITE Incumbent Titular
<input type="radio"/> TED WEILL Rancho Mirage Councilmember Miembro del Concejo de Rancho Mirage
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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

STEPHEN JAFFE

OCCUPATION: Attorney / Mediator / Advocate
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a nationally recognized and awarded civil trial lawyer, I have defended the rights of due process and democracy in the courts and public forums for 49 years, I am seeking a seat on the Rancho Mirage City Council because its present members - many of whom who have been on the Council for decades - have stopped listening to the people who elected them and instead, against the strident wishes of their constituents, are promoting the interests of big business. Their actions will change the personality of our City and reduce the quality of life for its residents. The people of Rancho Mirage deserve to have their voices heard and not ignored in the City Council chamber.

An unacceptable high crime rate also needs to be addressed.

I ran for Congress in 2018.

I am an advocate for the mentally ill and their families and support animal rights, National Legal Counsel for the American Federation of Aviculture and volunteer legal services for the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

I live in Rancho Mirage with my wife, Susan, our 4 parrots and Boo, a 14-year-old rescue dog.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

MAGGIE LOCKRIDGE

OCCUPATION: Administrator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Maggie Lockridge, a Registered Nurse and veteran of the United States Air Force Nurse Corps, has thirty years as Founder, President and Administrator of a medical, and real property corporation, as well as a national non-profit. She spent the last 13 years providing free reconstructive surgery to our wounded and disfigured veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan via RAW, Rebuilding America's Warriors. RAW is a National Foundation comprised of 420 surgeons and dentists in 50 states. Business Administration is her strongest suit.

Caring for the well being of others has been her mantra, she is now concerned about the proper representation of her fellow Rancho Mirage residents. She feels that the current City Council is unbalanced, one woman, 4 men. Women approach decisions methodically, plan strategically, and carry out constructively. Men sometimes think the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, not taking into consideration the underlying peripheral circumstances that might affect their straight line thought and circumventing city and state laws to reach their objective.

Maggie promises to always consider the quality of life, dignity, and appropriate growth of our beautiful city, Rancho Mirage.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

RICHARD W. KITE

AGE: 77

OCCUPATION: Financial Advisor
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have lived in Rancho Mirage for almost 30 years and in the Coachella Valley since High School. I graduated from University of California, with my degree in Civil Engineering. I have served on the City Council since 2000, Mayor five terms.

I am devoted to serving the Community and supporting our Local Charities. I have served as Director on several Boards and currently, Board Member for Children's Discovery Museum, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, Two time President of the League of California Cities, and Liaison for the McCallum Theater.

We have had a lot of growth and development during these years and, the success is shared with my motivated Councilmembers and talented City Staff. Together we have become;

- Debt-free
- No unfunded Pension Liabilities
- Reserve Funds over \$72 Million

My vision for Rancho Mirage continues to be strong and I pledge to continue working to protect our unique lifestyle and property values. I pledge to always listen to your concerns and work with the residents to keep the "92270" the address of choice in the Coachella Valley.

I am asking for your support in my Re-Election in 2020. I will continue to work for You!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

TED WEILL

OCCUPATION: Rancho Mirage Councilmember
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been an honor to serve as your Mayor during this past term. Since my first election, I have promised to protect Rancho Mirage's unique quality of life. I have done my best to use my business and education background to keep that pledge.

Over the past seven years, I have worked to:

- Keep neighborhoods safe and ensure fast emergency response times.
- Responsibly manage our tax dollars and increase our city's reserve funds.
- Establish a plan, with significant resident input, for the Section 31 parcel of land.
- Expand programming offered at Rancho Mirage's world-class library and parks.
- Develop tax-producing opportunities to ensure decades of financial stability.
- Lower utility rates for residents and improve cell phone coverage.

I am a Veteran of the United States Navy. I graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. My MBA "With Honors" was earned at Pepperdine University. Many issues coming before the council touch on work I have spent a lifetime developing.

The 92270 zip code represents value, fiscal responsibility and a very special way of life. Preserving those values is my highest priority.

I would be honored by your vote on April 14 and I pledge to never violate your trust.

Sincerely,
Ted Weill

Please visit: Tedweill.com



Conditional Voter Registration

Effective January 1, 2017, Conditional Voter Registration is available to eligible voters in California pursuant to Election Codes 2170 through 2173.

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) extends the existing 15-day registration deadline to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote 14 days prior to an election through Election Day. An eligible voter would need to register directly in the office of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters, located at 2720 Gateway Drive, in Riverside, CA 92507 to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot.

Voters may register online at www.registertovote.ca.gov, however, **CVR ballots will only be issued at the office of the Registrar of Voters.**

In order to conditionally register, the voter must first complete an affidavit of registration (also known as a Voter Registration Card). Once the registration is submitted, the Registrar of Voters will issue a CVR provisional ballot to vote.

The affidavit will be processed and once the eligibility is determined and validated, the registration will become permanent and the CVR provisional ballot will be counted.

Conditional Voter Registrations are treated and processed in the same manner as other registrations; CVR provisional ballots are treated and processed the same as other provisional ballots.

If you have any questions regarding Conditional Voter Registration, please call (951) 486-7200 or toll free (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

You may check the status of your voter registration at www.voteinfo.net/AmIRegistered.

CVR was enacted in 2012, to be operative on January 1st after the certification of a statewide voter registration database. VoteCal, California's statewide voter registration database, was certified on September 26, 2016; CVR became operative as of January 1, 2017.

