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County voter information guides on the way for March 3 presidential primary election

Approximately 1,093,840 voter information guides started going out to Riverside County voters this week for the presidential primary election on March 3.

Material in the voter information guide will help voters make informed choices. Voters may mark their selections on the voter information guide and use it to help them complete their official ballot at the polls. The Registrar of Voters recommends that voters review the materials before casting an official ballot. If voters do not receive an information guide in the mail, it will be available online at www.voteinfo.net. Voters also may call the registrar’s office at (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-8683 to request a mailed copy.

The March 3 election is a countywide election. Registered voters in all areas of the county are eligible to cast votes in this election. For questions about your eligibility to vote, contact the registrar’s office at (951) 486-7200.

Voter polling-place locations are printed on the back cover of the information guide, which includes an application to request a vote-by-mail ballot. A Spanish-language version of the guide will be available at www.voteinfo.net and a copy can be mailed upon request.

Below is a list of important deadlines for the March 3 election:

- Feb. 3 – First day of early voting in the Registrar of Voters’ office and first day the registrar is allowed to mail vote-by-mail ballots to voters.
- Feb. 18 – Last day to register to vote or change political party preference for the March 3 election.
- Feb. 25 – Last day the registrar may accept mailed requests for vote-by-mail ballots. After Feb. 25, voters must go to the registrar’s office to request and pick up a vote-by-mail ballot. Voters who have requested but not received a vote-by-mail ballot by Feb. 25 should contact the registrar’s office at (951) 486-7200.
- March 3 – Election Day

Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the election’s official no later than the close of the polls on election day or be postmarked on or before election day and received no later than three days after election day to be counted.

Important information regarding the presidential primary election:

- Your voting right in the Presidential primary depends on the political party you are registered with. If you are registered with a qualified political party, you can only vote for a candidate running for President in that party. A No Party Preference voter will receive a non-partisan ballot, which will have no presidential candidates listed. However, upon request, a No Party Preference voter can instead vote the presidential ballot of the following parties:
  - American Independent Party
  - Democratic Party
  - Libertarian Party

If you want to register, update your address or change your political party preference you must complete a voter registration application and submit it by Feb. 18. You can register online at registertovote.ca.gov or request a paper application by calling (951) 486-7200.

**Special Note:** 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.