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Dear Orange County Voter:

The Statewide Special Election is May 19, 2009. Please take a moment to be prepared prior to voting.

- ✓ **Vote-by-Mail:** You can save time and vote-by-mail. You may request a vote-by-mail ballot and mail it back to us. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is May 12, 2009. An application can be found on the back of this pamphlet or by visiting **ocvote.com/mail**.
- ✓ **Polling Place:** If you choose to vote at your polling place please plan ahead. Parking is limited at some locations and you can avoid congestion by voting mid-day if possible. You will have the option of voting an electronic or paper ballot at the polls. Simply advise the poll worker of your preference when signing the roster. For more information on being prepared visit **ocvote.com/lines**.
- ✓ **Questions:** If you have any questions about the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election you may visit ocvote.com or call 1-888-OCVOTES (1-888-628-6837).

Successful elections cannot happen without **YOU!** We need poll workers for this and future elections. Many need to be bilingual in Chinese, Korean, Spanish or Vietnamese. Please call 1-866-551-VOTE (1-866-551-8683) or visit **ocvote.com/volunteer** and sign-up today!

Our mission is to serve the registered voters of Orange County in a uniform, consistent and accessible manner with the highest level of integrity. We look forward to counting your vote and giving you another successful election.

Sincerely,

Neal Kelley
Registrar of Voters



WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION ON THE STATE PROPOSITIONS?

Information on the State propositions is included in the State Voter Information Guide mailed to you by the Secretary of State.

Or go to the California Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov for summary, text, arguments and analysis of each of the State propositions.



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HOW TO USE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLET

The Statewide Special Election will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Cast Your VOTE!
Our Sample Ballot Pamphlet: **REVIEW it, MARK it, and TAKE it** with you to your polling place.

What is included in this Sample Ballot?

- Instructions for voting at the polls, either on the eSlate or paper ballot;
- A sample ballot; and
- Local measures (if applicable).

Where do I find Information on Local Measures and State Propositions?

- Local measures follow the ballot pages. They may include any or all of the following: Text, Impartial Analysis, Tax Rate Statement, Fiscal Impact Statement and Arguments Pro and Con. Not all pamphlets will contain local measures.
- Information on the State propositions is included in the State Voter Information Guide mailed to you by the Secretary of State. **Go to the California Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov for summary, text, arguments and analysis of each of the State propositions.**

By using these instructions as a guide, carefully read through this pamphlet to assist you in making your decisions on how to vote at the polls or by a vote-by-mail ballot. Remember, your vote does make a difference!

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS...VOTING OPTIONS

New Residence Address: If you moved within Orange County and did not re-register at your new address, you may vote and re-register for future elections EITHER at the Registrar of Voters office OR at the polling place for your new address.

Last Day to Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot: If you are not already a Permanent Vote-By-Mail Voter, you may complete and return the "Application for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot" printed on the back cover to request a one-time ballot. The application must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than **May 12, 2009**. **Be sure to sign your application.** If you wish to become a Permanent Vote-By-Mail Voter, see below.

How to Return your Vote-by-Mail Ballot: You may return your voted ballot by mail or in person to the Registrar of Voters office or you may return the voted ballot in person to any polling place located within Orange County. If, due to illness or physical disability, you are unable to personally return your voted ballot, you may designate one of the following to return the ballot for you: Spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or anyone residing in your household.

Notice to the Physically Disabled: A "YES" printed below the disability symbol on the back cover indicates that the polling place is accessible to disabled voters. A "NO" printed in this area indicates that the polling place is not accessible to disabled voters. A "USABLE" printed in this area indicates that temporary modification(s) have been placed to allow a disabled voter to vote at this polling place. If the polling place is not accessible to disabled voters, the voter has the right to appear outside the polling place and vote on an eSlate or on a paper ballot.

Permanent Vote-by-Mail Voter Status: State law now allows any voter who so requests to be a Permanent Vote-by-Mail Voter. For those of you who are not already Permanent Vote-By-Mail Voters, if you check the Permanent Vote-by-Mail Voter box on the "Application for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot" located on the back cover, a vote-by-mail ballot will automatically be sent to you for future elections. Failure to vote in two consecutive statewide general elections will cancel your Permanent Vote-by-Mail Voter Status and you will need to reapply. If you have questions concerning voting by vote-by-mail ballot, call (714) 567-7600.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Voting Electronically at the Polls:

To vote on any measure, turn the select wheel to move the blue bar to highlight your choice in the voting square before the word “YES” or before the word “NO” and press the ENTER button.

Voting on a Paper Ballot at the Polls:

Use only a black or blue pen provided.

To vote on any measure, completely fill in the rectangle to the left of the word “Yes” or to the left of the word “No.”

Vote for only one selection.

If you incorrectly mark, tear or deface your ballot, return it to a precinct board member and obtain another. Do not sign or initial your ballot. Signature and initials will void your ballot. All distinguishing marks and erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void.

Once you have finished voting, place your ballot in the secrecy folder provided and return it to a precinct board member, who will deposit your voted ballot into the ballot box.

Example:

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

(Brief Summary of Measure)

Select One

YES

NO

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Orange County
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OFFICIAL BALLOT

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

STATE

1A - "RAINY DAY" BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND.

Changes the budget process. Could limit future deficits and spending by increasing the size of the state "rainy day" fund and requiring above-average revenues to be deposited into it, for use during economic downturns and other purposes. Fiscal Impact: Higher state tax revenues of roughly \$16 billion from 2010-11 through 2012-13. Over time, increased amounts of money in state rainy day reserve and potentially less ups and downs in state spending.

YES
 NO

1B - EDUCATION FUNDING. PAYMENT PLAN.

Requires supplemental payments to local school districts and community colleges to address recent budget cuts. Fiscal Impact: Potential state savings of up to several billion dollars in 2009-10 and 2010-11. Potential state costs of billions of dollars annually thereafter.

YES
 NO

1C - LOTTERY MODERNIZATION ACT.

Allows the state lottery to be modernized to improve its performance with increased payouts, improved marketing, and effective management. Requires the state to maintain ownership of the lottery and authorizes additional accountability measures. Protects funding levels for schools currently provided by lottery revenues. Increased lottery revenues will be used to address current budget deficit and reduce the need for additional tax increases and cuts to state programs. Fiscal Impact: Allows \$5 billion of borrowing from future lottery profits to help balance the 2009-10 state budget. Debt-service payments on this borrowing and higher payments to education would likely make it more difficult to balance future state budgets.

YES
 NO

1D - CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUNDING.

Temporarily provides greater flexibility in funding to preserve health and human services for young children while helping balance the state budget in a difficult economy. Fiscal Impact: State General Fund savings of up to \$608 million in 2009-10 and \$268 million annually from 2010-11 through 2013-14. Corresponding reductions in funding for early childhood development programs provided by the California Children and Families Program.

YES
 NO

1E - MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING. TEMPORARY REALLOCATION.

Helps balance state budget by amending the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63 of 2004) to transfer funds, for two years, to pay for mental health services provided through the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program for children and young adults. Fiscal Impact: State General Fund savings of about \$230 million annually for two years (2009-10 and 2010-11). Corresponding reduction in funding available for Mental Health Services Act programs.

YES
 NO

1F - ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES. PREVENTS PAY INCREASES DURING BUDGET DEFICIT YEARS.

Encourages balanced state budgets by preventing elected Members of the Legislature and statewide constitutional officers, including the Governor, from receiving pay raises in years when the state is running a deficit. Directs the Director of Finance to determine whether a given year is a deficit year. Prevents the Citizens Compensation Commission from increasing elected officials' salaries in years when the state Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties is in the negative by an amount equal to or greater than one percent of the General Fund. Fiscal Impact: Minor state savings related to elected state officials' salaries in some cases when the state is expected to end the year with a budget deficit.

YES
 NO

SERVE AS A POLLWORKER ON ELECTION DAY



The Registrar of Voters needs a helping hand. By volunteering, you can provide a valuable community service and make a priceless contribution to the American electoral process.

There are plenty of ways to get involved. Polling Place Inspectors, Polling Place Clerks, Election Day Coordinators, Collection Center Workers, and Election Night Tally Center Crewmembers all play a vital role in ensuring that Orange County's elections are accurate, efficient, and successful.

You will receive a stipend for your services. For more information regarding positions and to sign-up online, go to ocvote.com/volunteer. Or you may call 1-714-954-1901.

It's easy to sign-up. Just return the postcard on the back cover of this pamphlet and the Registrar of Voters' office will contact you in the near future.

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VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

1. You have the right to cast a ballot if you are a valid registered voter.

A valid registered voter means a United States citizen who is a resident in this state, who is at least 18 years of age and not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony, and who is registered to vote at his or her current residence address.

2. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if your name is not listed on the voting rolls.

3. You have the right to cast a ballot if you are present and in line at the polling place prior to the close of the polls.

4. You have the right to cast a secret ballot free from intimidation.

5. You have the right to receive a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake.

If at any time before you finally cast your ballot, you feel you have made a mistake, you have the right to exchange the spoiled ballot for a new ballot. Vote-by-mail voters may also request and receive a new ballot if they return their spoiled ballot to an elections official prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day.

6. You have the right to receive assistance in casting your ballot, if you are unable to vote without assistance.

7. You have the right to return a completed vote-by-mail ballot to any precinct in the county.

8. You have the right to election materials in another language, if there are sufficient residents in your precinct to warrant production.

9. You have the right to ask questions about election procedures and observe the elections process.

You have the right to ask questions of the precinct board and election officials regarding election procedures and to receive an answer or be directed to the appropriate official for an answer. However, if persistent questioning disrupts the execution of their duties, the board or election officials may discontinue responding to questions.

10. You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent activity to a local elections official or to the Secretary of State's Office.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, or if you are aware of any election fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free VOTER PROTECTION HOTLINE AT 1-800-345-VOTE (8683).

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NOTICE!

**The location of your
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**See the back cover for
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