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COUNTY AND STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES ENROUTE TO VOTERS

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) –Joe Holland, County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor & Registrar of Voters announced that Santa Barbara County Voter Information Guides are currently being mailed to all registered voters who should start seeing them in their mailboxes in the next few days. State Voter Information Guides are also being mailed to households listing a registered voter.

The County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) is a sample ballot that can be used by the voter to mark their choices before they go to their polling place. The voter can take the sample ballot with them to mark their Official Ballot. This speeds up the voting process and helps reduce long lines on Election Day.

Information specific to the voter's ballot includes candidates' statements of qualifications and local measure information; and instructions and information on voting President, crossover voting, updating their registration, voting by mail and voting at the polls.

The voter's polling place location is printed on the back cover of the CVIG, as is an application to vote by mail.

Vote by Mail ballots will be mailed to voters and be available at County Elections offices listed below starting February 3, 2020:

Santa Barbara – 4440-A Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Lompoc – 401 E. Cypress Ave, Room 102, Lompoc, CA 93436 Santa Maria – 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Suite 134, Santa Maria, CA 93455

Important reminders:

- Election Day is Tuesday, March 3, 2020;
- This is a partisan election Voters registered to vote with a political party, can ONLY vote for that party's presidential candidates at the primary election.

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- Voters who are registered as No Party Preference can request to vote for one of these parties' presidential candidates in the primary:
 - American Independent Party
 - Democratic Party
 - Libertarian Party

Voters who have already requested a vote by mail ballot and/or a crossover ballot do not need to reapply. If a voter receives a ballot and chooses to change their party, they should contact the Elections Office for their options.

Though there are many third party websites of information, to ensure correct information, Holland encourages voters to contact his office directly for information on polling place locations, or any question as to why they are receiving a Vote by Mail ballot.

Voter Information Line: 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)

County Elections website: <u>www.sbcvote.com</u>.