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* Press Release * Voter Information Guides and Mail Ballots Delivered to Voters for the 2013 Consolidated General Election

The San Bernardino County Elections Office has been working under a compressed timeline to prepare materials for the 2013 Consolidated Election, and important information about this election is being delivered to voters this week. Beginning Saturday, October 12, voters will receive Voter Information Guides, and on Wednesday, October 16, mail ballots will be sent to voters on the permanent mail ballot list. Earlier this week, electronic Voter Information Guides, a polling place and sample ballot look-up tool, a mail ballot drop-off map, and a district look-up tool were added to the Elections Office website at www.sbcountyelections.com.

Inside the Voter Information Guide, voters will find a sample ballot and information about voting, candidates, and measures. On the back of the Voter Information Guide, voters will find the address of their assigned Election Day polling place. Voters are encouraged to bring their guide with them to their polling place on Election Day.

Mail ballots are being delivered next week, but voters can still sign up to receive a mail ballot by filling out the Mail Ballot Application found in their Voter Information Guide, or by downloading an application from the Elections Office website. Voted mail ballots may be returned via the U.S. Postal Service, in person to any polling place on Election Day, or to one of the thirty-two mail ballot drop-off locations prior to and on Election Day. To find a mail ballot drop-off location, voters can use the mail ballot drop-off map on the Elections Office website. Additionally, voters may request a replacement mail ballot or vote early at the Elections Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5.

Voters will find various helpful tools on the Elections Office website to assist them. In addition to a polling place and sample ballot look-up tool released last year, voters will now be able to use a newly enhanced district look-up tool. The image view on the district look-up tool is seven times larger than the previous look-up tool, and the larger image allows users to view the precinct boundaries within each district.

The Elections Office has been working under a compressed timeline for this election because of the issues surrounding the recall efforts in the City of San Berndarino. As a result, Voter Information Guides are being mailed twenty-five days, instead of the standard thrity-two days, prior to the election, and mail ballots are being sent twenty-one days instead of the normal twenty-five days.

In the City of San Bernardino, voters will vote for the offices of Mayor and City Council, and voters will decide whether to recall the City Attorney and two City Council Members. Voters throughout the County will vote for various other offices in the areas of Baker, Chino, Chino Hills, Crestline, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Helendale, Montclair, Ontario, Phelan, Pinon Hills, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, and Yucca Valley.

For more information about this election, visit the Elections Office website, <u>www.sbcountyelections.com</u>, or call (909) 387-8300.