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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION ENROUTE TO VOTERS

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) -- Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters Joe Holland announced today that more than 138,000 Vote by Mail ballots will be delivered to the Post Office on Tuesday, October 11 for the Presidential General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Holland encourages voters to read their Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet sent by the County Elections Office and available online at <http://www.sbcvote.com/> and the Voter Information Guide sent by the Secretary of State's Office to learn more about the races, candidates, state propositions and local measures on the ballot.

To request a Vote by Mail ballot or to become a permanent Vote by Mail voter, voters can:

- Mail the application on the back cover of his/her sample ballot. If you see one of the following listed on the application under the polling section: "**You Have Permanent Vote By Mail Status**" or "**Mail Ballot Precinct Voter**," DO NOT return the application as a ballot is automatically being mailed; **or**
- Download an application at www.SBCVOTE.com; **or**
- Request a ballot by calling 1-800-SBC-VOTE.

Vote by Mail ballots must be received in the County Elections Office or a polling place within Santa Barbara County by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2016. If returning a ballot by mail, the ballot must be received by Election Day or postmarked on or by Election Day, November 8 and received by the County Elections Office by November 14, 2016.

Vote by Mail ballots will be available in the Santa Barbara, Lompoc and Santa Maria Elections offices beginning Monday, October 10, 2016. Office locations and hours are as follows.

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**VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS ENROUTE
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Office location and hours:

Santa Barbara, 4440-A Calle Real
Open 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

Lompoc, 401 E. Cypress Ave, Room 102
Open 9 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Monday – Friday

Santa Maria, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Suite 134
Open 8 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Monday– Friday

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 24. Citizens can register online at <http://registertovote.ca.gov> prior to midnight on October 24 or complete a mail-in voter registration form available at the local libraries, post offices or DMV offices. Contact 1-800-SBC-VOTE to obtain a form. For those attending the Avocado Festival this weekend in Carpinteria, we are hosting a booth next to the Best Dressed Avocado from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9 where residents may also obtain a form.

To confirm vote by mail status or voter registration status, voters can use the lookups on the Registrar of Voters' website at www.sbcvote.com.

Santa Barbara County has many tools available to assist voters:

- The Automark ballot marking system is available at our three offices and at every polling location in the County on Election Day. The AutoMARK is especially helpful for voters who are blind, have limited sight, or a disability or condition that makes it difficult to traditionally mark a ballot without assistance. The AutoMARK is easy to use and has a Braille keypad, increased font size, and audio options.
- Accessible Sample Ballots are available at www.sbcvote.com in English and Spanish.
- Audio recordings and large font copies of the State Voter Information Guide and the local Voter Information pamphlet are available by contacting our office at 1-800-SBC-VOTE.
- Accessible voting booths are available at all polling locations for voters in wheelchairs or needing to sit while voting.
- The Independent Living Resource Center is also available at (805) 963-0595 to assist voters.

For information on accessible voting, contact the Elections Office at 1-800-SBC-VOTE or visit the Registrar of Voters' website at www.sbcvote.com.