SAMPLE BALLOT
Marin County, California
November 6, 2012, Presidential General Election

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: At polls, use only the marking pen provided. By mail, use a ball point pen with **black** ink.

- **To vote for a candidate,** completely blacken the oval to the left of the candidate's name, like this ⬤. Where two or more candidates for the same office are to be elected, blacken the oval to the left of each of your choices.
- **To vote for a qualified write-in candidate,** completely blacken the oval to the left of the blank line for that office and write the name of the person on the line. (Qualified means a person who has filed to be a write-in candidate.)
- **To vote on a proposition/measure,** completely blacken the oval to the left of **YES** or **NO**.
- **If you make a mistake** or damage your ballot, ask a poll worker for another ballot. Vote by mail voters call the Registrar of Voters' Office at 415-473-6456 for instructions.
- **Marking the ballot outside of the oval to vote for a candidate or measure may compromise the secrecy of the ballot.**

PARTY NOMINATED OFFICES

The party label accompanying the name of a candidate for party-nominated office on the general election ballot means that the candidate is the official nominee of the party shown.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

President and Vice President
Vote for One Party (1)

- ◯ **MITT ROMNEY** / PAUL RYAN — Republican
- ◯ **GARY JOHNSON** / JAMES P. GRAY — Libertarian
- ◯ **ROSEANNE BARR** / CINDY SHEEHAN — Peace And Freedom
- ◯ **BARACK OBAMA** / JOSEPH BIDEN — Democratic
- ◯ **JILL STEIN** / CHERI HONKALA — Green
- ◯ **THOMAS HOEFLING** / ROBERT ORNELAS — American Independent
- ◯ _____

VOTER NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES

All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office. The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated office is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or that the party approves of the candidate. The party preference, if any, of a candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.

UNITED STATES SENATOR

United States Senator
Vote for One (1)

- ◯ **ELIZABETH EMKEN** — Party Preference: REP
  Businesswoman/Nonprofit Executive
- ◯ **DIANNE FEINSTEIN** — Party Preference: DEM
  United States Senator

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

U.S. Representative, 2nd District
Vote for One (1)

- ◯ **DANIEL W. ROBERTS** — Party Preference: REP
  Local Independent Businessman
- ◯ **JARED HUFFMAN** — Party Preference: DEM
  Environmental Attorney/Assemblymember

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

Member of the State Assembly, 10th District
Vote for One (1)

- ◯ **MARC LEVINE** — Party Preference: DEM
  Councilmember, City of San Rafael
- ◯ **MICHAEL ALLEN** — Party Preference: DEM
  Assemblymember/Attorney

DISTRICT

MARIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, DIRECTOR
Vote for no more than Two (2)

- ◯ **HARRIS F. "HANK" SIMMONDS**
  Incumbent
- ◯ **JOSEPH "JOE" SALAMA**
  Mediator/Attorney
- ◯ **ANN SPARKMAN**
  Appointed Incumbent
- ◯ _____
- ◯ _____

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

STATE PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 30: TEMPORARY TAXES TO FUND EDUCATION. GUARANTEED LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Increases taxes on earnings over $250,000 for seven years and sales taxes by 1/4 cent for four years, to fund schools. Guarantees public safety realignment funding. Fiscal Impact: Increased state tax revenues through 2018-19; averaging about $6 billion annually over the next few years. Revenues available for funding state budget. In 2012-13, planned spending reductions, primarily to education programs, would not occur.

◯ YES   ◯ NO

PROPOSITION 31: STATE BUDGET. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Establishes two-year state budget. Sets rules for offsetting new expenditures, and Governor budget cuts in fiscal emergencies. Local governments can alter application of laws governing state-funded programs. Fiscal Impact: Decreased state sales tax revenues of $200 million annually, with corresponding increases of funding to local governments. Other, potentially more significant changes in state and local budgets, depending on future decisions by public officials.

◯ YES   ◯ NO

PROPOSITION 32: POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY PAYROLL DEDUCTION. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Prohibits unions from using payroll-deducted funds for political purposes. Applies same use prohibition to payroll deductions, if any, by corporations or government contractors. Prohibits union and corporate contributions to candidates and their committees. Prohibits government contractor contributions to elected officers or their committees. Fiscal Impact: Increased costs to state and local government, potentially exceeding $1 million annually, to implement and enforce the measure's requirements.

◯ YES   ◯ NO

VOTE ON BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT ⇒

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2006
MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Use a pen with dark blue or black ink to vote your ballot. To vote for the candidate of your choice, completely blacken the OVAL to the LEFT of the candidate's name. Where there are two or more candidates for the same office, blacken the ovals next to the names of all the candidates for whom you wish to vote. Do not vote for more than the number of candidates to be elected. To vote for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal; or Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, blacken the OVAL to the LEFT of the word "YES" or the word "NO". To vote for a measure, blacken the OVAL to the LEFT of the word "YES" or the word "NO". WRITE-IN INSTRUCTIONS: To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, blacken the OVAL to the left of the blank line for the office and write the person's name on the line. All distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and void the ballot. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another. *VOTE LIKE THIS:* ⬤

PARTISAN OFFICES
STATE

GOVERNOR
Vote for One (1)

- ○ ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER — Republican
  Governor
- ○ ART OLIVIER — Libertarian
  Engineer
- ○ JANICE JORDAN — Peace & Freedom
  Counselor
- ○ PETER MIGUEL CAMEJO — Green
  Financial Advisor
- ○ EDWARD C. NOONAN — American Independent
  Computer Shop Owner
- ○ PHIL ANGELIDES — Democratic
  Treasurer of the State of California
- ○ _____

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Vote for One (1)

- ○ JIM KING — American Independent
  Real Estate Broker
- ○ JOHN GARAMENDI — Democratic
  California State Insurance Commissioner
- ○ TOM McCLINTOCK — Republican
  California State Senator
- ○ DONNA J. WARREN — Green
  Financial Manager/Author
- ○ STEWART A. ALEXANDER — Peace & Freedom
  Automobile Sales Consultant
- ○ LYNNETTE SHAW — Libertarian
  Caregiver/Musician
- ○ _____

SECRETARY OF STATE
Vote for One (1)

- ○ MARGIE AKIN — Peace & Freedom
  Archaeologist/Medical Anthropologist

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
Vote for One (1)

- ○ STEVE POIZNER — Republican
  Businessman/Entrepreneur
- ○ DALE F. OGDEN — Libertarian
  Actuary/Insurance Consultant
- ○ JAY EARL BURDEN — American Independent
  Student
- ○ CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE — Democratic
  California Lt. Governor
- ○ TOM CONDIT — Peace & Freedom
  Writer
- ○ LARRY CAFIERO — Green
  Newspaper Editor
- ○ _____

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
1st DISTRICT
Vote for One (1)

- ○ KENNITA WATSON — Libertarian
  Retired Quality Engineer
- ○ BETTY T. YEE — Democratic
  Acting Equalization Boardmember
- ○ DAVID CAMPBELL — Peace & Freedom
  Office Worker
- ○ DAVID J. NEIGHBORS — Republican
  Certified Public Accountant
- ○ _____

UNITED STATES SENATOR
Vote for One (1)

- ○ DIANNE FEINSTEIN — Democratic
  United States Senator
- ○ DON J. GRUNDMANN — American Independent
  Doctor of Chiropractic
- ○ RICHARD "DICK" MOUNTJOY — Republican
  Immigration Control Consultant
- ○ MICHAEL S. METTI — Libertarian
  Parent/Educator/Businessman

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL
1ST APPELLATE DISTRICT, DIVISION ONE
Seat One

Shall Associate Justice SANDRA MARGULIES be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- ○ YES
- ○ NO

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL
1ST APPELLATE DISTRICT, DIVISION TWO
Seat One

Shall Associate Justice PAUL R. HAERLE be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- ○ YES
- ○ NO

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL
1ST APPELLATE DISTRICT, DIVISION TWO
Seat Two

Shall Associate Justice JAMES A. RICHMAN be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- ○ YES
- ○ NO

FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL
1ST APPELLATE DISTRICT, DIVISION THREE

Shall Presiding Justice WILLIAM R. McGUINESS be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- ○ YES
- ○ NO

INFORMATION FOR ELDERLY VOTERS AND VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

The Marin County Registrar of Voters has made every effort to locate accessible polling places for all elections. The accessibility of your polling place is shown on the back cover of this sample ballot by the letters "Y" (yes), "N" (no), and "U" (usable) printed to the left of the disability symbol.

"Y" (yes) means your polling place is accessible.

"N" (no) means your polling place is not accessible.

"U" (usable) means your polling place is usable.

For questions about the accessibility of your polling place, call (415) 499-6439.

For the location of your polling place, visit www.marinvotes.org.

Other ways you can cast your ballot if your polling place is not accessible are:

VOTE BY MAIL

Any voter can vote by mail. To become a permanent vote-by-mail voter, call the Registrar of Voters' Office at (415) 499-6444 or 6441 to receive an application.

REQUEST ALTERNATIVE ACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACE

A voter who is unable to enter his/her polling place because it is inaccessible may request assignment to an accessible polling place by calling (415) 499-6439 no later than two weeks before the election.

CURBSIDE VOTING

You may request that a paper ballot be brought to you outside the polling place. The poll worker will bring you a ballot and deposit it in the ballot box after you have voted.

AUTOMARK VOTER ASSIST TERMINAL

Every polling place will have a Voter Assist Terminal that allows voters with disabilities to mark their ballots using audio guidance and touchscreen or navigational buttons.

ASSISTANCE TO THE VISUALLY, HEARING, OR SPEECH IMPAIRED

The Secretary of State's Office has a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) to provide information on statewide elections: 1-800-833-8683 (1-800-TDD-VOTE). For the Visually Impaired, audio tapes of State Ballot Measures are available from the Elections Department.

★ Voters with Special Needs ★

Is my polling place accessible?
We work hard at getting polling places that are accessible for all people. But sometimes this is not possible.

To know if our polling place is accessible:
- Find the access symbol on the back cover of your <u>Voter Information Pamphlet</u>.
- Look for the word YES, NO or USABLE near the symbol.
  - *YES* means your polling place **is** fully accessible.
  - *NO* means your polling place is **not** accessible.
  - *USABLE* means many people with disabilities may be able to use your polling place, but it does not meet all ADA requirements.
- If your current polling place is not accessible, and you want to vote at an accessible polling place, call us at least 2 weeks before the election: **(415) 473-6439**

How do I find my polling place?
Look for the address on the back cover of the <u>Voter Information Pamphlet</u>. Or find it at: *www.marinvotes.org*.

Can I vote by mail?
Yes. See the Vote-by-Mail application on the back cover of the <u>Voter Information Pamphlet</u>. Or call for an application: **(415) 473-6456**

What kinds of support can voters get?
Each polling place has:
- A wheelchair accessible voting booth,
- Magnifiers,
- Pens with grips that are easy to hold,
- The **AUTOMARK** to help you mark your ballot independently and privately. A Sip and Puff device for use with the AUTO-MARK is available on Election Day by calling (415) 473-6439, before Election Day.
- Curbside voting for voters who cannot get into the polling place. A poll worker can bring a ballot to you. After you vote, the poll worker will put your voted ballot in the ballot box.
- On Election Day, sign language interpretation can be provided at our San Rafael office with 2 weeks' advance notice. Call (415) 473-6439.

Registrar of Voters
TYY 415-473-6899

Secretary of State
TTY 1-800-833-8683

All state propositions are available on audio tape. Call us if you want one: **(415) 473-6456**

What if I don't speak English well?
We will point out the instructions in the voting booth, and show you how to mark your ballot using demonstration ballots. Some precincts have bilingual poll workers. Let us know if your precinct needs bilingual poll workers.

Marin County Registrar of Voters
Open 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. weekdays, and
7 a.m.–8 p.m. on Election Day
3501 Civic Center Dr., Rm. 121, San Rafael, CA 94903
Tel. 415-473-6456　TDD 415-473-6899　★　www.marinvotes.org

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS VOTING BY MAIL

Any voter may now apply for permanent vote-by-mail (absent voter) status and receive a ballot in the mail for every election.

What does it mean to vote by mail permanently?

Voters who want to vote by mail permanently automatically receive their ballots by mail within the 29 days preceding **any** election in which they are eligible to vote.

How do I apply for permanent vote-by-mail status?

To apply for permanent vote-by-mail status call the Registrar of Voters' Office at 415-499-6444 or 6441 to receive an application.

Must I reapply for a mail ballot once I am a permanent vote-by-mail voter?

No. However, if you do not return your ballot for two consecutive General Elections, you will lose your permanent mail voter status and must then reapply.

Can I change my mind and vote at the polls after I receive my ballot?

Yes. Even if you receive a vote-by-mail ballot and later decide to vote at the polls, just turn in your envelope with the unvoted ballot and vote a regular ballot at the polls. If you lose your ballot and want to vote at the polls, you may vote provisionally by putting your ballot inside a provisional ballot envelope.

When must I return my voted ballot?

You must return your ballot to the Registrar of Voters or to any polling place in Marin County by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. However, if you are ill or disabled, you may authorize your spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister or a person residing in your household to return your ballot. The person returning your ballot must print his or her name and sign in the space provided on the return envelope. Absentee ballots turned in at the polls are counted after Election Day.

If you have moved, be sure to update your address with the Registrar of Voters' Office. The Post Office does not forward mail ballots.

If you have questions about voting by mail,
please call the Marin County Registrar of Voters at
(415) 499-6444 or 6441.

SEE BACK COVER FOR LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE.

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★ Voting by Mail ★

VOTING BEGINS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012 AT THE ELECTIONS OFFICE

Can I vote by mail for this election only?

Yes! Fill out and return the vote-by-mail application on the back cover of your <u>Voter Information Pamphlet</u>. If you want to vote by mail for **all** elections, just check the box on the application to request a ballot for future elections.

When will I get my vote-by-mail ballot?

Your ballot goes in the mail starting 29 days before the election. If you do not receive your ballot around that time, call us. We will send you a replacement ballot. If there is not enough time to mail it, you can pick one up at our office.

If I am traveling, can I get my vote-by-mail ballot at a different address?

Yes. Contact us and give us your temporary out-of-town address. Or if you prefer, you can vote early at the Elections Office starting 29 days before the election.

Will the Post Office forward my vote-by-mail ballot to my new address?

No! Vote-by-mail ballots cannot be forwarded. Fill out a new voter registration form with your updated information. It must be postmarked no later than 15 days before the election.

What if I lose my ballot?

Call us. If it is too late to mail you a replacement ballot, you may pick one up at the Elections Office or vote at the polls.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

Contact our office to ask for a replacement ballot.

Can I vote at the polls if I am a vote-by-mail voter?

Yes. Take your vote-by-mail ballot **and** envelope to the polling place, and ask for a polls ballot.

If you do not have both your vote-by-mail ballot and envelope, you must vote a provisional ballot, which will be counted after the election.

How do I turn in my vote-by-mail ballot?

You must return your ballot in the envelope provided. You can:
- Mail your ballot,
- Drop it off at the Registrar of Voters' Office, or
- Take it to any polling place in Marin County on Election Day between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Deadline: Your ballot must be at the Registrar of Voters' Office or at the polls by 8 p.m. election night – no exceptions!

What if I forgot to sign my return envelope?

Your ballot will **not** be counted. But if we receive your unsigned ballot envelope at least 2 weeks before the election, we will try to contact you.

Can I check to see if you have received my vote-by-mail ballot?

Yes. We have an automated system, available 24/7 that can check if your ballot was received. Call: **(415) 473-6456**

If the Elections Office receives your vote-by-mail ballot before Election Day, it will be counted by 8 p.m. on Election Day. If you drop your vote-by-mail ballot off at the polls, it will be counted within 10 days after Election Day.

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Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and
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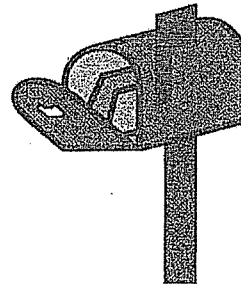Tel. 415-473-6456   TTY 415-473-6899 ★ www.marinvotes.org

Have you moved?

Have you changed your name?

Did we make a mistake in the spelling of your name?

Do we have your correct apartment number on file?

Do we have the correct P.O. Box number?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please contact our office to request a registration form or to correct any error in your name, apartment number, or P.O. Box number. CALL (415) 499-6456

NOTICE TO VOTERS

After the November General Election, the Registrar of Voters will mail a Residency Confirmation Card to registered voters who have not voted in any election during the past four years. Voters who receive this card must return it to the Election Office to confirm their residency in Marin County in order to remain on the voter rolls. This residency confirmation procedure will help keep the voter rolls current in Marin County. (CA Elections Code Sec. 2224)

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★ Update your voter registration! ★

When is the deadline to register to vote or update my registration?

The deadline is 15 days before an election.

When do I have to update my voter registration information?

Fill out a new voter registration form if you:

★ Move to a new address,

★ Change your mailing address,

★ Change your name,

★ Are released from prison and complete parole, or

★ Would like to change your political party.

What happens if I do **NOT** update my information?

Your name may not be on the Roster of Voters at the polls on Election Day. That means you may have to vote a provisional ballot, which may not have all of the candidates or measures that are on the ballot for your current address.

In Primary Elections, you may not be able to vote the ballot of the political party of your choice.

And if we do not have your current mailing address, the post office will not forward your election mail.

What if I am homeless?

You can still register to vote. Write the address of a shelter or the cross streets of where you sleep on your voter registration form. Be sure to add your mailing address if it is different.

Where can I get a voter registration form?

You can get a voter registration form at:

★ The Elections Department website *www.marinvotes.org*

★ The Secretary of State's website *www.sos.ca.gov*

★ Any public library,

★ Your local clerk's or elections office,

★ Any fire station, or

★ Your local DMV office.

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