County of
San Luis Obispo

Special Primary Election
Senate District 15
Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Voter Information Guide

- Your **OFFICIAL BALLOT** along with this **Voter Information Guide** are contained in your Vote By Mail (VBM) packet because you either applied for **PERMANENT VBM STATUS** or you reside in a VBM **PRECINCT**.

- This will be the only official mailing from the County.

- The deadline for the return of Vote By Mail ballots is **8:00pm, Tuesday, June 22, 2010**. On Election Day you may return your ballot to any polling place, including our offices, in San Luis Obispo County between 7:00am and 8:00pm. Polling places for this election are listed in this booklet. **Ballots received after 8:00pm, June 22, 2010, WILL NOT BE COUNTED.**

- Spoiled Ballot? If you make a mistake, tear or deface any portion of your ballot, replace the spoiled ballot in the I.D. Return Envelope and follow the instructions on the envelope to receive another ballot.
VOTE BY MAIL INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

Use any black or blue colored pen or pencil to mark your ballot. Follow the “Instructions To Voters” on your OFFICIAL BALLOT to vote on the candidates and measures of your choice.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED VOTING:

1. Tear off the stub, fold the ballot, seal it in the I.D. Return Envelope, read Declaration of Voter and sign your name in the space provided – your signature must look similar to the original signature on your Affidavit of Registration - DO NOT PRINT YOUR NAME.

2. If you are unable to sign, you must mark an “X” and have it witnessed by one other person. No one else may sign for you. New legislation allows the use of a signature stamp if it was used on your Affidavit of Registration. Contact the Elections Office at 781-5228 for more information.

3. Write your residence address as registered (not mailing address) and the date on the lines provided.

4. Affix first class postage and mail your ballot by Thursday, June 17, 2010, or sooner, to ensure that it arrives by Election Day – June 22, 2010. You may also return your ballot in person to the County Clerk-Recorder’s Office, 1055 Monterey Street, #D120, San Luis Obispo (8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday - Friday) or to our North County Office at 5955 Capistrano Avenue, #B, Atascadero (7:30am to 4:00pm, Monday - Friday).

You may vote and return your ballot as soon as you receive it - you do not have to wait until Election Day. However, be aware that once your voted ballot is returned to the Elections Office, either in person or by mail, it is considered “in the ballot box” and may not be retrieved.

Unable to return your ballot? If you are unable to return your ballot because of illness or other physical disability you may designate only your spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister or a person residing in your household to return it for you by printing their name and having them sign their name on the lines provided on the I.D. Return Envelope.
OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION SENATE DISTRICT 15
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 22, 2010

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote, fill in the oval like this: ☐
To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the OVAL next to the candidate's name. Do not vote for more than one candidate.
To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write in the candidate's full name on the Write-In line and fill in the OVAL next to it. All distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the Elections Official and get another.

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VOTER’S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

This is a Special Primary Election to fill the vacancy in the 15th State Senate district created by the resignation of the State Senator. The term of office for this seat ends December 3rd, 2012.

When a special election to fill a vacancy is called, all candidates for all parties are listed on the same ballot. **Voters may vote for any of the candidates listed, regardless of their party affiliation.** Voters may only vote for ONE candidate. If a voter votes for more than one candidate, all their votes will be cancelled.

The candidate of each party who receives the most votes, along with the candidate who qualified as “Independent,” shall be placed on the ballot of the Special General Election to be held on August 17, 2010. If, however, a candidate received a majority of all the votes cast in the Special Primary Election (50% +1), this candidate is declared to have been elected and a Special General Election shall not be held.

The Following Pages Contain Voter Information Applicable to your Ballot  
Which May Include Any/All of the Following Items:

**CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT**

This pamphlet section may not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates appears on your Sample Ballot. Each candidate’s statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body.

Each candidate’s statement is printed in uniform format **exactly as submitted by the candidate.**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on the ballot in San Luis Obispo County, only the candidates listed below have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. This is a result of Proposition 34 adopted by the voters at the November 2000 General Election, and a statute passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2001.

Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in the local sample ballot booklet, at their own expense.

**JIM FITZGERALD, Independent**

**MARK HINKLE, Libertarian Party**
JIM FITZGERALD

Age: 57

Occupation: Retired Transportation Manager

Education and Qualifications: For the last six years our state legislature has produced irresponsible budgets which have put California into financial crisis. Do not send the same career politicians that created these budgets back to Sacramento again. Definition of insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting to get a different result. Career politicians continually listen to their biggest campaign contributors and special interest groups rather than to their constituents. I am a Non-Partisan Independent and I will not take any large contributions from anyone! I refuse to owe favors to special interest groups, banks, large corporations or any political party. I will be proud just to serve the interests of the residents of the Central Coast by saving jobs and revitalizing our state’s economy at this difficult time for all families and seniors. I will make this four part pledge: I will work to eliminate wasteful spending, I will fight to keep jobs in California, I will work to solve local water issues, and I will take a strong stance against off-shore drilling. Years of reckless spending by career politicians in Sacramento have driven California to near bankruptcy. Do not reward their irresponsibility with re-election. The career politicians must be taught a lesson and voted out of office. I’m not a career politician. I have been a manager in the transportation industry for over 30 years. To find out more about me please visit my website www.fitzgerald4senator.com
POLLING LOCATIONS
Since Poll Locations may change from election to election, please pay careful
attention where you may drop-off your Vote By Mail ballot on Election Day:

North County
San Miguel
Community Bldg.
256 13th St
San Miguel
Heritage Village
Senior Ctr.
4880 Heritage Ranch Rd
Paso Robles
Shandon CDF Station
501 W. Centre St
Shandon
Grace Baptist Church
535 Creston Rd
Paso Robles
Plymouth Cong. Church
1301 Oak St
Paso Robles
Creston Fire Station
5110 Swazye St
Creston
Paso Robles Public
Schools Admin Bldg
800 Niblick Rd
Paso Robles
Paso Robles Vets Hall
240 Scott St
Paso Robles
Templeton Hills 7th-Day
Adventist Church
930 Templeton Hills Rd
Templeton
Templeton Comm. Bldg.
601 Main St
Templeton
Community Church of
Atascadero
5850 Rosario Ave
Atascadero
Atascadero Lake
Pavilion
9315 Pismo Ave
Atascadero
Atascadero Gospel
Chapel
Curbail/Atascadero Ave
Atascadero
Dove Creek Church
9333 Santa Barbara Ave
Atascadero
Santa Margarita
Comm Hall
Murphy & 1 St
Santa Margarita

South County
Avila Beach Comm. Bldg.
191 San Miguel St
Avila Beach
Shell Beach Vet’s Hall
230 Leeward Ave
Pismo Beach
New Life Nazarene Church
990 James Way
Pismo Beach
Ramona Garden Park Ctr
993 Ramona Ave
Grover Beach
Central Coast Baptist
Church
192 S. 9th St
Grover Beach
Grover Beach
Community Center
1230 Trouville Ave
Grover Beach
South County Regional
Center
800 W. Branch St
Arroyo Grande
Arroyo Grande
Community Center
211 Vernon Ave
Arroyo Grande
American Legion Hall
417 Orchard St
Arroyo Grande
Cypress Ridge
Community Bldg
1050 Cypress Ridge
Parkway Arroyo Grande
St John’s Lutheran
Church
959 Valley Rd
Arroyo Grande
Oceano CSD Office
1655 Front St
Oceano
Nipomo Senior Center
200 E. Dana
Nipomo
Nipomo CSD Office
148 S Wilson St
Nipomo
Nipomo Branch Library
918 W. Tefft St
Nipomo
POLLING LOCATIONS CONTINUED
Since Poll Locations may change from election to election, please pay careful attention where you may drop-off your Vote By Mail ballot on Election Day:

San Luis Obispo
Chumash Village
Rec. Hall
3057 S. Higuera St
San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo
Grange Hall
2880 Broad St.
San Luis Obispo
Grace Church
1036 Pismo St
San Luis Obispo
Unity Church of
San Luis Obispo
1490 Southwood Dr
San Luis Obispo
SLO Veteran's Hall
801 Grand Ave
San Luis Obispo
Mount Carmel
Lutheran Church
1701 Fredericks
San Luis Obispo
Cal Poly Chumash
Auditorium
Cal Poly Campus
San Luis Obispo
United Church of Christ
11245 Los Osos Valley Rd
San Luis Obispo
Toyota San Luis Obispo
12350 Los Osos Valley Rd
San Luis Obispo

Mercy Church
710 Aerovista Pl
San Luis Obispo
Los Ranchos School
5785 Los Ranchos Rd
San Luis Obispo
Zion Lutheran
Fellowship Hall
Foothill and Santa Rosa
San Luis Obispo
North Coast
Cambria Veterans
Hall
1000 Main St
Cambria
Cayucos Veterans
Hall
C St. & N. Ocean Ave
Cayucos
Mount Carmel
Lutheran Church
1701 Fredericks
San Luis Obispo
Cal Poly Chumash
Auditorium
Cal Poly Campus
San Luis Obispo
United Church of Christ
11245 Los Osos Valley Rd
San Luis Obispo
Toyota San Luis Obispo
12350 Los Osos Valley Rd
San Luis Obispo

Los Osos Christian
Fellowship
1335 7th St
Los Osos
St Elizabeth Ann
Seton Parish Hall
2050 Pallisades Ave
Los Osos
Trinity Methodist
Church
490 Los Osos Valley Rd
Los Osos
County Clerk-
Recorder
Main Office - SLO
1055 Monterey St
D120
San Luis Obispo
North County Office
5955 Capistrano Ave
#B
Atascadero
REASONS WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED

1. It arrives after 8:00 p.m. Election Day, June 22, 2010 - Postmark is not acceptable.

2. The I.D. Return Envelope is not signed.

3. The signature on the I.D. Return Envelope does not match the signature on the voter's Affidavit of Registration.

4. The ballot is returned by someone other than the voter or voter's authorized agent.

5. The ballot is returned without the I.D. Return Envelope.

6. Your ballot contains distinguishing marks (i.e. your name or notations other than to indicate your vote).

ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED VOTER: The Secretary of State's Office has a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) to provide elections information: 1-800-833-8683 (1-800-TDD-VOTE). For the visually impaired, audio tapes of the State Ballot Measures are available from the Elections Department, 781-5080.

AUTOMARK: The AutoMARK ballot marking device will be available for use at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office in San Luis Obispo, beginning June 14, 2010 and will be available at the polls on Election Day. The marking device is designed to assist voters with disabilities, such as vision or dexterity impairments, in marking their ballots. Call for more information, 781-5228.

Permanent Vote by Mail Status: Voters with Permanent VBM Status are sent ballots for each election in which they are entitled to vote, as long as they remain on the Permanent Vote by Mail list. If you fail to return your voted ballot for two statewide general elections your name will be deleted from the Permanent Vote by Mail List.

Vote by Mail Look-Up on the Web: Check the status of your returned VBM ballot on the Internet at www.slocounty.ca.gov/clerk