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IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT RETURNING YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT AND A REMINDER THAT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST IS THE LAST DAY TO REQUEST

Salinas, CA – IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT RETURNING YOUR BALLOT! Normally, the Elections Department encourages voters to return their voted ballot no later than the Thursday prior to the Election. The recent change initiated by the USPS has switched our mail processing from Salinas to San Jose and we are noticing a delay in receiving our mail.

For this reason, we'd like to encourage all voters to mail your ballot sooner, or take advantage of our secure Vote by Mail Ballot Drop locations at city halls, the County Government Center, and our Department in Salinas. Vote by mail voters have been provided a list of drop locations available through next week and polling places that will be open on Election Day. This information is also posted on the Department's website under the tab **Upcoming Elections > November 8, 2011 > Ballot Drop-Off Locations**. The current list of polling places can be found directly above the link for the Ballot Drop-Off Locations. As a precaution, the Department will be at the San Jose Post Office on Election Night to gather all voted returns.

Remember – voted ballots must be received by 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8!

The Monterey County Elections Department would also like to remind voters that **Tuesday, November 1st is the last day to request a vote by mail ballot in the mail for the upcoming local Election**. With just over 85,900 ballots issued and nearly 12,660 voted ballots received, that means that is just under 15% of our vote by mail voters have voted and returned their ballot so far.

Monterey County voters can request a ballot in the mail by using the application found on the back cover of the Monterey Voter Guide or print and complete the application found on the Department's website under "Voter Services". All completed application forms must be received by the Elections Department by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1, 2011. Voters can mail the request or fax to (831) 755-5485.

To find out about voting by mail, if the Department has received your voted ballot, or other registration and election information, visit www.MontereyCountyElections.us or call the Department at (831) 796-1499.

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