

PRESS RELEASE

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The Solano County Elections Department wishes to advise voters that the deadline to register to vote for the November 2, 2004 election is Monday, October 18, 2004.

Voter registration forms are available at the Fairfield Registrar of Voters Office at 510 Clay St., which is open Monday through Friday, 8 am – 5 pm. or the Vallejo Satellite Office at 1410 Georgia St., M-F, 9 am –12 noon & 1 pm – 4 pm.

The forms are also available post offices, libraries and many other public buildings.

Voter registration activity is high. The volume of voter registration affidavits submitted has increased 100% over the volume for the last presidential general election in 2000.

As in the past, political parties and candidates go to great lengths to ensure their supporters are included on the voter rolls. Incentives to supporters to register voters increases activity but may lead to misinformation and error in the voter registration process.

For this reason, voters are urged to complete their own voter registration affidavits rather than to allow a circulator to fill in the information. “We’re seeing errors on some of the forms that circulators have completed,” said Elections Manager Deborah Seiler. “Voters are advised to complete the forms personally, or, at a minimum, to check the information carefully before they sign their affidavits.”

Voters need to re-register to vote ONLY in case of:

- An address change
- A name change
- A change in the voter’s political party affiliation

“A voter who is unsure whether to re-register should check with the county elections department,” said Seiler. “We’re here to help.”

The department is also experiencing a sharp increase in the number of requests for absentee ballots. Requests from voters at the counter are more than double the usual volume. To request an absentee ballot, voters can send a letter or postcard or use the Absentee Ballot Request form in their sample ballot or online at www.solanocounty.com/elections. Applications must include the voter’s name, residence address, address to which the ballot is to mailed (if different), and the voter’s signature.

ABSENTEE DEADLINE: Absentee ballot requests sent by mail must be received in the Registrar of Voters Office no later than October 26, 2004 to:

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
P O BOX I
FAIRFIELD CA 94533

ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON: Voters may vote by absentee ballot in person in the office of the Registrar of Voters beginning 29 days before the election up to the close of polls on Election Day. The Registrar of Voters Fairfield Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5 pm and until 8:00 pm on Election Day. The Vallejo Satellite Office is open Monday through Friday 9 am – noon and 1 pm to 4 pm and until 8:00 pm on election day. The Fairfield Office will also be open on Saturday, October 23 from 8:00 am until noon to issue absentee ballots. The Vallejo Satellite Office at 1410 Georgia St. will be available for absentee voting beginning October 19th M-F, 9 am –12 noon & 1 pm – 4 pm.

PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTING: Any voter may apply for permanent absentee voter status. Permanent absentee voters will automatically be mailed a ballot prior to all elections in which they are eligible to vote. Permanent absentee voters who fail to return a voted ballot in a Primary and General Election may be removed from the permanent absent voter list and be required to reapply.

For further information, please call the Registrar of Voters Office at 707-421-6675 or toll free 1-888-933-VOTE.