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## **Vote-By-Mail Instructions & Information Pamphlet**

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**June 7, 2016**

**This is an *ALL MAIL* Ballot election.  
There will be no polling places designated.**

**[www.sierracounty.ca.gov](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov)**

# VOTE-BY-MAIL INSTRUCTIONS

## STEP 1: MARK YOUR BALLOT

- Mark your ballot using a dark ballpoint pen. **DO NOT USE RED. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**
- If you make a mistake, cross through the mistake. **DO NOT SIGN YOUR BALLOT.**
- If you have not received your Voter Information Guide from the State of California, you can review the information on the Secretary of State's website at [www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov).

## STEP 2: REVIEW YOUR BALLOT

**REMEMBER:** After you vote your paper ballot, please be sure to thoroughly check your selections before returning your ballot in the envelope provided. Verify that you have made all the selections you are entitled to make.

- If you vote both Yes and No on a measure or vote for more candidates than the number of candidates permitted for a particular office race, it is called an overvote; your vote will not count for that candidate or measure.
- You *do not* have to vote on all contests; those you do vote on will still count.
- If you spoil your ballot and wish another sent to you, place the spoiled ballot into the return envelope and immediately return it to the Sierra County Clerk's Office. Be sure to check the box marked "spoiled" on the return envelope and sign your name in the space provided.

## STEP 3: SEAL YOUR BALLOT

- Place your ballot in the return envelope provided and seal. Sign and date on the line provided on the back of the return envelope. **YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING.**
- **NO ONE OTHER THAN YOU MAY SIGN YOUR RETURN ENVELOPE.** If you are unable to sign your return envelope, you may make a mark and have a witness sign.

## STEP 4: OPTIONS FOR RETURNING YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

- Return your ballot by mail. **NEW!** Vote-by-Mail ballots will be counted if postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Sierra County Clerk's Office no later than 3 days after Election Day.
- Return your ballot in person. A drop off box will be available at the Loyalton Senior Center from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or you can bring your ballot to the Sierra County Clerk's Office in Downieville. Your ballot must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- Voters must only mail or deliver their own voted ballot. If you are unable to return your ballot, you may authorize your spouse, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or person residing in your household to return the ballot. **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE AUTHORIZATION BOX** on the return envelope.
- If you have any questions, you can contact the Sierra County Clerk's Office by telephone at (530) 289-3295, by fax (530) 289-2830, or by email at [clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov).
- To check the status of your vote-by-mail ballot, please call 1-888-223-6443 or visit the Sierra County Election's page at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections).

## ACCESSIBILITY AND VOTING ASSISTANCE

### ACCESSIBLE ONLINE



- NEW! An ADA compliant, accessible, audio-enabled version of the sample ballot and voter information pamphlet is available on the Sierra County Election's website at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections).

### ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM

- The Sierra County Clerk's Office is equipped with a touch screen voting system that gives voters the ability to cast a ballot without assistance. This voting option includes an audio component that allows the voter to listen to the ballot and select their choices using the touch screen or the keypad provided. Please contact the Sierra County Clerk's Office at (530) 289-3295 for more information.

### LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

- The sample ballot and voter information pamphlet are available in Spanish on the Sierra County Election's website at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections).

## IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

### HOW DO I CONTACT A CANDIDATE?

Local candidates contact information is posted on the Sierra County Election's website at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections).

Statewide candidate contact information is posted on the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

### HOW DO I FIND CANDIDATES' CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS?

Campaign financial disclosure statements are filed by local candidates and are available by contacting the Sierra County Clerk's Office at (530) 289-3295.

Cal-Access provides financial information supplied by state candidates, donors, lobbyists, and others and can be found at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VOTERS ABOUT THE TOP TWO PRIMARY

## TOP TWO PRIMARY

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act places candidates for federal and state offices into a category of “voter-nominated” offices onto a single ballot, while the President is now a “party-nominated” office. Voters can vote for any candidate in voter-nominated offices regardless of the voter’s or candidate’s political party preference. The top two candidates receiving the most votes, regardless of party preference, will advance to the November General Election.

### HOW WILL THIS AFFECT THE WAY I VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT?

If you have indicated a political party preference on your voter registration, you will receive a ballot for that party’s Presidential candidates in the Primary Election.

If you did not indicate a political party preference on your voter registration, you will be given a nonpartisan ballot, which will include all offices, except the President, and ballot measures.

For the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election, the **Democratic, American Independent and Libertarian Parties** are allowing voters who registered without a political party preference to request and vote their party’s Presidential primary ballot. On March 16, 2016, notices were mailed to all non-partisan voters. Please contact the Sierra County Clerk's Office if you did not receive this notice.

### UNDER THE NEW PRIMARY SYSTEM, WHICH VOTER-NOMINATED CANDIDATES ADVANCE TO THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION?

For voter-nominated offices, the top two candidates regardless of party preference that receive the highest number of votes advance to the November General Election.

### PARTY PREFERENCE FOR VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

The information that appears on the official ballot for each candidate includes name, optional ballot designation and party preference for voter-nominated offices. A candidate’s party preference will appear on the ballot.

### POLITICAL PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

The following list of qualified political party abbreviations have been approved by the Secretary of State and will appear on the enclosed ballot next to the candidate’s name where a candidate is permitted to express a party preference (“NONE” will appear next to candidate names when no party preference was provided):

<b>DEM</b>	<b>Democratic</b>
<b>REP</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>AI</b>	<b>American Independent</b>
<b>GRN</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>LIB</b>	<b>Libertarian</b>
<b>PF</b>	<b>Peace and Freedom</b>

# ABOUT CANDIDATE STATEMENTS & POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

## Not Every Candidate Files a Candidate Statement

You will find a complete list of candidates on your Vote-by-Mail Ballot.

This pamphlet does not contain a candidate statement for all candidates because each candidate's statement is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at his or her expense. State laws also govern who can submit a statement for publication in this pamphlet. Statements are printed as submitted. By law, the Elections Office does not correct spelling or grammatical errors.

## Candidate Statements for State Legislative Offices

If a candidate for State Senate or Assembly accepts the voluntary expenditure limits set forth in Government Code Section 85400, the candidate may print at his or her own expense, a candidate statement in the voter pamphlet. Candidate who has accepted the spending limit is:

<b>Member of the State Assembly, 1<sup>st</sup> District</b>
<b>Brian Dahle</b>

## Candidate Statements for the U.S. House of Representatives

Candidates running for U.S. Congress may file candidate statements for publication in the voter pamphlet. There are no spending limits that affect whether a statement can be included or not. The statements are volunteered by the candidates, printed as submitted, and printed at his or her expense.

## Candidate Endorsements

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section §13302(b), political parties may request the Elections Office to include a list of endorsed candidates for voter-nominated offices in the voter pamphlet. Below are the endorsements:

PARTY:	VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICE:	CANDIDATE:
<b>Peace and Freedom</b>	U.S.Senate	John Thompson Parker
	1 <sup>st</sup> U.S. Representative	No endorsement
	1 <sup>st</sup> State Senate	No endorsement
	1 <sup>st</sup> State Assembly	No endorsement
<b>Democratic</b>	U.S.Senate	Kamala D. Harris
	1 <sup>st</sup> U.S. Representative	Jim Reed
	1 <sup>st</sup> State Senate	No endorsement
	1 <sup>st</sup> State Assembly	No endorsement
<b>American Independent</b>	U.S. Senate	Tom Del Beccaro
	1 <sup>st</sup> U.S. Representative	Doug La Malfa
	1 <sup>st</sup> State Senate	Ted Gaines
	1 <sup>st</sup> State Assembly	Brian Dahle

## Offices on the Ballot:

The following offices will appear on the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election ballot as well as local and statewide measures.

PARTY-NOMINATED/PARTISAN:	VOTER-NOMINATED:	LOCAL:
U.S. President	United States Senator	Board of Supervisors
	United States Representative	
	State Senator	
	State Assembly Member	

For more information regarding the Top Two Primary System, you may call the California Secretary of State's Office at (916) 653-6814 or visit their website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

**United States House of Representatives**

**CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE, 1ST DISTRICT**

**JOE MONTES**

**Age:** 60

**Occupation:** Small Businessman

**Education and Qualifications:**

My name is Joe Montes. I am a former judge and a veteran, and I pledge to serve no more than six years in the U.S. House of Representatives - because politics should not be a career. As a judge, I kept the original meaning of the Constitution foremost in my mind. We deserve to have fewer and simpler laws that are actually enforced. The proper role of government is to protect the lives, liberty, rights and property of its citizens. This can be achieved by eliminating trade deficits and foreign tariffs, reducing taxes, strengthening our military, and building a wall to protect our borders. We need to reduce government regulations so businesses can prosper. We deserve better-paying jobs and more local control over education. I will fight to preserve our water resources by building adequate water storage, reducing excessive water transfers, and improving water run-off from our national forests by removing underbrush. We deserve a government that balances its checkbook, protects us with a strong national defense, creates an equal playing field for businesses and doesn't force anyone to buy health insurance. I am the first in my family to graduate from high school. My five brothers and I all served in the military. I graduated from the California Military Academy, CSU Sacramento and UCLA School of Law. My wife and I call Chico home, and I've worked to bring tech sector jobs to the area. I would be honored to have your vote. Please visit [MontesForCongress.com](http://MontesForCongress.com)

/s/ Joe Montes

**DOUG LAMALFA**

**Occupation:** Family Farmer/Member, United State House of Representatives

**Education and Qualifications:**

America's middle income families, workers and small businesses are struggling to make a better life and our nation faces serious threats from terrorism. The values I learned growing up on the family farm are needed in Washington and I am working hard to bring those North State values to Congress.

As your representative, I have:

Passed legislation in the House of Representatives to protect north state water and build new water storage, including Sites Reservoir. This project means jobs and water for our district.

Voted for significant tax reductions for Families, Small Businesses & Farms. I'm proud to be endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association.

Worked to slash debt and waste and balance the federal budget.

Voted to increase America's national security, strengthen our military and help our veterans get the care they deserve.

Fought to defeat President Obama's new oil tax, repeal Obamacare and reign in out of control federal bureaucrats and tax-hikers.

Government cannot and should not do everything. When big government is the problem, more government is not the solution. I'd be honored to receive your vote. Please visit [www.DougLaMalfa.com](http://www.DougLaMalfa.com).

/s/ Doug LaMalfa

**California State Assembly**

**Candidate for the Office of Member of the State Assembly, 1st District**

**BRIAN DAHLE**

Age: 50

**Occupation:** Farmer/Assemblyman

**Education and Qualifications:**

It is an honor to represent you in the State Assembly.

Since going to the Legislature I kept my promises to the people of Northern California, focusing my time and energy creating jobs while voting against regulations and taxes.

I am proud of what I have been able to accomplish. Through bipartisan efforts, I worked across party lines to save our rural hospitals and skilled nursing facilities from closing. I was able to get needed support for community college programs that actually get young people jobs, so they do not have to leave our communities to find work. Through my district office I have been able to help thousands of people and small businesses with state government agency problems; ensuring that people are represented and heard.

California faces many challenges and there is still much work to be done in Sacramento. Too many families are struggling and people are out of work. I will continue to work as hard for you and your family as I do my own.

Feel free to give me a call on my cell phone at (530) 251-3888, or visit [www.BrianDahle.com](http://www.BrianDahle.com).

I would appreciate your vote, thank you.

/s/ Brian Dahle

Candidate Statements  
**Local Nonpartisan Offices**

**CANDIDATES FOR SIERRA COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3**

**ORMOND CROWDER**

**Occupation:** Business Owner

**Education and Qualifications:**

For the first time in years, we have a choice in our district 3 Supervisors' election.

Many issues face us in Sierra County that need concerted action by our Board of Supervisors. These include, but are not limited to; Reasonable Growth, Blight elimination and Veterans Services.

My wife Paula and I have lived in Calpine since 2007. We have 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Since coming to Calpine, I have established an on-line business - Sierra Valley Trading Co. Introduced Truckee Sourdough Breads to Sierra, Plumas and Lassen county stores and restaurants. Conceived and co-started the Calpine Marketplace and participated in vigorous community efforts to keep our local Post Office open. I strongly supported the Sierra Valley Lodge's expanded business activity. I am an active advocate for a Veterans Service Office in Sierra County.

My business experience includes: Systems and Procedures origination and analysis, Marketing and Sales, Public Relations, Cost Analysis, Corporate Communications, Lease Negotiations, Distribution and Sales, Corporate Directive Programs, Finance and Accounting

Past employers include: Bechtel Corporation, Buttes Gas & Oil Co., US Flexible Metallic Tubing Co.

Education Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Business Administration, Golden Gate University, San Francisco.

Military: US Army 82nd Airborne Division

/s/ Ormond Crowder

**PAUL ROEN**

Age: 50

**Occupation:** Rancher/County Supervisor District 3

**Education and Qualifications:**

It has been a privilege to serve as Sierra County District 3 Supervisor for the past three years, representing Sierraville, Calpine, Sattley and the ranches of the Sierra Valley. During this term, I have been a member of the Finance Committee, helping to draft three balanced county budgets. Due in large part to our county's conservative budget approach, we have been able to meet our General Fund obligations within existing revenues.

I also have served on the transportation, water, biomass, veteran's services, and families first five committees, among others. In addition to board committees, I represent Sierra County on the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, the NorCal Emergency Medical Services Agency, The Commission on Aging, the Community Corrections Partnership, the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

Working with the Calpine Water District, we were able to secure Title III funding to improve the Calpine Reservoir to provide more water for fire protection in the community. In partnership with Caltrans, we erected additional solar traffic speed signs in Sierraville to help reduce the speed of traffic moving through the community. We are currently working on traffic safety projects on State Highway 89 between Sierraville and Truckee.

/s/ Paul Roen

# SIERRA COUNTY MEASURE A

## ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

“Should the County of Sierra adopt an ordinance which would allow commercial marijuana activities within the County, including but not limited to cultivation, processing, distribution, warehousing and transportation of marijuana?”

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY SIERRA COUNTY COUNSEL

Under recent changes to California law, cities and counties are entitled to regulate or alternatively may prohibit the cultivation of marijuana and other activities, such as the processing, distribution and sale, within the unincorporated areas of the County. In response to the recent changes to the law, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors has been considering adoption of an ordinance that would allow cultivation of marijuana for personal use or by a qualified caregiver for the person they are otherwise assisting. However, the ordinance under consideration would not allow cultivation of marijuana or any related activities to be done for commercial purposes. In a series of public meetings the Board has heard from people opposed to the proposed ordinance and who appear to advocate allowing commercial marijuana activities within the County.

To assist the Board in addressing this matter the Board has placed an advisory measure on the ballot seeking voter input as to whether the County of Sierra should allow commercial marijuana activities within the County, including but not limited to cultivation, processing, distribution, warehousing and transportation of marijuana. As an advisory measure the vote would not be binding but would provide the Board with an understanding of the desires of the community in addressing marijuana cultivation, sales and related activities in the County.

The text of the measure is as follows:

“Should the County of Sierra adopt an ordinance which would allow commercial marijuana activities within the County, including but not limited to cultivation, processing, distribution, warehousing and transportation of marijuana?”

A “yes” vote on this measure means that the voter *is* in favor of the County allowing commercial marijuana activities in the County.

A “no” vote on this measure means that the voter *is not* in favor of the County allowing commercial marijuana activities in the County.

/s/ James A. Curtis  
County Counsel

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Regulation of cannabis business is what California has been lacking for many years.

A "Yes" vote on Measure A is a vote to advise the county board to develop sensible regulations aligned with our State's new framework for regulating medical marijuana enacted in 2015 while recognizing Sierra County values.

Vote Yes on Measure A to:

- Support the clear delineation of lawful from unlawful operators, empowering law enforcement to be more accurate and effective in efforts to reduce criminal behavior and enhance public safety. Allow for cannabis businesses to pay fees and taxes shifting the cost of enforcement off of taxpayers.

- Comply with best management practices as mandated by state and local regulatory agencies to monitor, protect and preserve the local environment and natural resources.

- Recognize the scientific research showing the proven medical benefits of cannabis, with the intent to make local access to medical cannabis safer and more affordable for patients in Sierra County

- Create legitimate jobs. Legalizing and regulating marijuana will bring the nation's largest cash crop under the rule of law, creating jobs and economic opportunities in the formal economy instead of the illicit market.

- Save money. Scarce law enforcement resources that could be better used to ensure public safety would be preserved while reducing corrections and court costs. State and local governments would acquire significant new sources of tax revenue from regulating marijuana sales.

The majority of growers ask for regulations, which would allow the County to impose environmental and public safety regulations and address problems associated with odor. Unregulated cannabis cultivation must come to an end in Sierra County.

Sierra County medical marijuana patients and supporters respectfully ask that our community work together to fashion effective regulations.

A "Yes" vote for Measure A is a vote for regulations that work.

/s/ Sarah Grew  
Sierra County Growers Assn.

**NO ARGUMENT WAS SUBMITTED AGAINST MEASURE A**