

## POLLING LOCATIONS CONTINUED

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### 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

Del Mar Elementary  
School  
501 Sequoia St  
Morro Bay

First Christian Church  
2050 Ironwood Ave.  
Morro Bay

Morro Bay Veterans  
Hall  
209 Surf St  
Morro Bay

Baywood Elementary  
School  
1330 9th St  
Los Osos

Los Osos Christian  
Fellowship  
1335 7th St  
Los Osos

St Elizabeth Ann  
Seton Parish Hall  
2050 Palisades 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



# County of San Luis Obispo

**Special General Election  
Senate District 15  
Tuesday, August 17, 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, August 17, 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, August 17, 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, August 12, 2010**, or sooner, to ensure that it arrives by Election Day – **August 17, 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.

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### 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  
Curbaril/Atascadero Ave  
Atascadero

Dove Creek Church  
9333 Santa Barbara Ave  
Atascadero

Santa Margarita  
Comm Hall  
Murphy & I St  
Santa Margarita

### South County

Avila Beach Comm Bldg  
191 San Miguel St  
Avila Beach

Shell Beach Elem School  
2100 Shell Beach Rd  
Shell 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

## REASONS WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED

1. It arrives after 8:00 p.m. Election Day, August 17, 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 August 2, 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](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/clerk)

## OFFICIAL BALLOT SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION SENATE DISTRICT 15 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AUGUST 17, 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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# Sample Ballot

## VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

This is a Special General 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.

This Special General Election is being conducted since no candidate received a majority of the votes cast (50% +1) during the Special Primary Election held on June 22nd. During this Special General Election, the candidate with the most votes will be declared to have been elected. Moreover, since there was only one candidate for each party represented and only one candidate who qualified as "Independent" on the primary election ballot, the same candidates will appear on this general election 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 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**

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR 15th DISTRICT

**JIM FITZGERALD**

**Age: 57**

**Occupation:** Business Manager

**Education and Qualifications:** You have the Power! You have the power to change the course of what's happening in Sacramento with your vote. For the past 6 years career politicians in the California Senate and Assembly have created budgets that have plunged California into a financial crisis! It's time to send a clear message to career politicians and tell them they will not get your vote until they learn to work together and stop wasting taxpayer's money! The only way out of this crisis we are in is to change the people who created the mess.

Go to the polls or mail in your ballot in the upcoming election! If you don't vote, then you send a clear message to Sacramento: We don't care who runs our State government!

Voting for me will show Sacramento you are tired of career politicians. You want experienced business managers to cut out the waste and balance the budget without increasing taxes on families, seniors and the working people of California. I will take a clear message to Sacramento and the Majority parties: Stop cutting funding to the services we need most like law enforcement, emergency services and education!

I have over 30 years experience in business management. I know when to bend and when to stand firm. I am a concerned citizen, not a career politician. To find out more about my qualifications, my stand against offshore drilling and my pledge to save jobs and revitalize our State's economy, visit my website at [www.fitzgerald4senator.com](http://www.fitzgerald4senator.com)