



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.

STATE	
<b>STATE SENATOR</b> 15th District Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> <b>JIM FITZGERALD</b> Retired Transportation Manager Independent
	<input type="radio"/> <b>MARK HINKLE</b> Small Business Owner Libertarian
	<input type="radio"/> <b>JOHN LAIRD</b> Educator Democratic
	<input type="radio"/> <b>SAM BLAKESLEE</b> Independent Business Owner Republican
	<input type="radio"/> Write-in



## 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**

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
STATE SENATOR  
15th DISTRICT**

**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](http://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

Community Church of  
Atascadero  
5850 Rosario Ave  
Atascadero

Grover Beach  
Community Center  
1230 Trouville Ave  
Grover Beach

Heritage Village  
Senior Ctr.  
4880 Heritage Ranch Rd  
Paso Robles

Atascadero Lake  
Pavilion  
9315 Pismo Ave  
Atascadero

South County Regional  
Center  
800 W. Branch St  
Arroyo Grande

Shandon CDF Station  
501 W. Centre St  
Shandon

Atascadero Gospel  
Chapel  
Curbaril/Atascadero Ave  
Atascadero

Arroyo Grande  
Community Center  
211 Vernon Ave  
Arroyo Grande

Grace Baptist Church  
535 Creston Rd  
Paso Robles

Dove Creek Church  
9333 Santa Barbara Ave  
Atascadero

American Legion Hall  
417 Orchard St  
Arroyo Grande

Plymouth Cong. Church  
1301 Oak St  
Paso Robles

Santa Margarita  
Comm Hall  
Murphy & I St  
Santa Margarita

Cypress Ridge  
Community Bldg  
1050 Cypress Ridge  
Parkway Arroyo Grande

Creston Fire Station  
5110 Swazye St  
Creston

### South County

Avila Beach Comm. Bldg.  
191 San Miguel St  
Avila Beach

St John's Lutheran  
Church  
959 Valley Rd  
Arroyo Grande

Paso Robles Public  
Schools Admin Bldg  
800 Niblick Rd  
Paso Robles

Shell Beach Vet's Hall  
230 Leeward Ave  
Pismo Beach

Oceano CSD Office  
1655 Front St  
Oceano

Paso Robles Vets Hall  
240 Scott St  
Paso Robles

New Life Nazarene Church  
990 James Way  
Pismo Beach

Nipomo Senior Center  
200 E. Dana  
Nipomo

Templeton Hills 7th-Day  
Adventist Church  
930 Templeton Hills Rd  
Templeton

Ramona Garden Park Ctr  
993 Ramona Ave  
Grover Beach

Nipomo CSD Office  
148 S Wilson St  
Nipomo

Templeton Comm. Bldg.  
601 Main St  
Templeton

Central Coast Baptist  
Church  
192 S. 9th St  
Grover Beach

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

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

## 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](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/clerk)