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### Unintentional "No Party Preference" Voters May Need to Re-Register with Preferred Party

Woodland, CA – Yolo County voters who believe they mistakenly received a notice in the mail from the Election Office indicating their options for voting in the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election as a "No Party Preference" voter may need to re-register in their party of choice or request a crossover ballot.

The Yolo County Elections Office recently sent out postcards to voters registered as "No Party Preference," or NPP. Some voters who received the postcard questioned whether it was authentic because they did not recall registering as NPP. Voters may have unknowingly had their party registration changed to "No Party Preference" as a result of automatic voter registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Voters who believe they are impacted are encouraged to re-register to vote to make sure that their records are up to date before the March 2020 primary. "We want to inform our voters that if you received this No Party Preference (NPP) postcard and would like to vote for a Presidential candidate this March, you need to take action to either request a crossover ballot or re-register with your preferred party," said Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Jesse Salinas. The specific action needed by NPP voters will depend on the party of your preferred Presidential candidate.

The NPP postcards that were mailed (pictured below), which are required by the California Elections Code, outlined what steps are needed to cast a crossover vote in the March 2020 Presidential contest. The only parties allowing crossover voting for the March 2020 Presidential Primary are: The American Independent, Democratic, and Libertarian parties. NPP voters who wish to cast a ballot in the Presidential Primary for any of those parties may request a cross over ballot. Voters registered as "No Party Preference" that do not request a crossover ballot will receive a ballot that does not include candidates for President. The Green, Peace & Freedom, and Republican parties opted to not allow crossover voting. NPP voters wishing to vote for those parties must re-register with that party.



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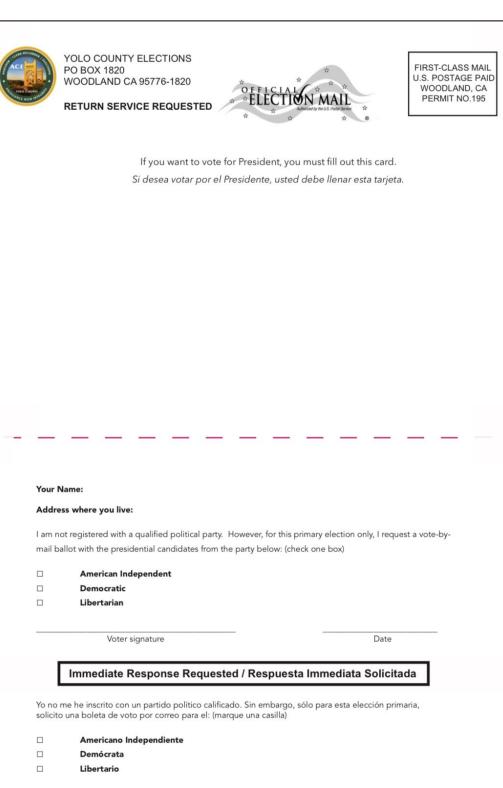
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## Do you want to vote for President on March 3, 2020?

All voters can vote in a primary election.

Voting for President depends on the party you are registered with.

If you are registered with a political party:

- Democratic
- Republican
- · American Independent
- Green
- Libertarian
- · Peace & Freedom

You can vote for a candidate running for President in that party. If you registered with no party preference, you can vote in the Presidential primary for the following parties:

- Democratic
- · American Independent
- Libertarian

You can select the party ballot at your polling place. If you vote by mail, you will be mailed a postcard in late November to select a party ballot before ballots are mailed on February 3.

If you registered with no party preference and want to vote in the Presidential primary for one of the following political parties:

- Republican
- Green
- · Peace & Freedom

You must re-register to vote with that party. It's best to do it by the February 17 deadline. However, if you miss the deadline, you can still register and vote in person up to and including Election Day.



Register to vote online at www.registertovote.ca.gov or complete a voter registration card.

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Voters wishing to check their registration status may do so online at <a href="https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/">https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/</a>. Reregistration may be completed online at <a href="registertovote.ca.gov">registration for the 2020 March Presidential Primary Election ends February 18, 2020. After that, voters may register or re-register at the Elections Office and vote using the Conditional Voter Registration process. There will also be a satellite office located at the UC Davis campus on Election Day where voters will be able to register and vote using the Conditional Voter Registration process. However, if you need to re-register, the election office encourages you to do so prior to February 18.

For more information on crossover voting visit: <a href="https://howtovoteforpresident.sos.ca.gov">howtovoteforpresident.sos.ca.gov</a>. Connect with Yolo County ACE – Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on Facebook: <a href="https://yoloCoACE">/YoloACE</a>, Instagram: <a href="https://yoloCoACE">/YoloCoACE</a>, and Twitter: <a href="https://www.oylocoace">@YoloCoACE</a> to stay informed about events and get live election night results for the upcoming 2020 elections.

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