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SUBJECT: Irvine Voters to Receive Postcard with Corrected Voting Instructions for **Irvine City Council Elections**

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IRVINE, CA – As early as today, Irvine's 87,000 registered voters will receive a postcard from the City about a mistake it made on Sample and Absentee Ballot instructions for the "Office of Irvine City Council" on the November 2 Election.

According to Heather Morris, Public Information Officer, the postcard is being sent as part of an extensive public outreach effort by the City to ensure Irvine voters are informed of the mistake and the corrective actions being taken.

"It is especially important that Absentee Voters **vote both** their Absentee and Supplemental Ballots as instructed and return both ballots separately in the separate envelopes provided." She continued, "Ballot instructions at all "Early Voting" and Election Day polling locations have been corrected, instructing voters to cast "no more than three (3)" votes for the "Office of Irvine City Council."

Postcard specifics instruct Irvine Absentee Voters to:

• Vote the regular Absentee Ballot following the instructions provided by the Registrar's Office. This ballot will record votes for the "Office of Irvine Mayor," but it will not record votes for the "Office of Irvine City Council."

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- Vote the Supplemental Absentee Ballot they receive, being sure to vote for "no more than three (3)" candidates for the "Office of Irvine City Council." This vote for Irvine City Council **will be** counted.
- Return both the Absentee and Supplemental Ballots **separately** in the **separate envelopes** provided by the Registrar's Office. Ballots must reach the Registrar by November 2, 2004, at 8 p.m.

The postcard also informs voters who vote at polling locations that ballot instructions at all "Early Voting" and Election Day polling locations have been corrected and will instruct voters to cast "no more than three (3)" votes for the "Office of Irvine City Council."

Irvine voters who have questions or need more information are encouraged to call the Irvine Election Instructions Hotline at (949) 724-6272 or visit the City of Irvine Website at <u>www.ci.irvine.ca.us</u>. Hotline and website information is also available in Chinese, Farsi and Korean.

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