



# News Release

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**SUBJECT: Court Grants City of Irvine Request to Correct Voting Instructions Mistake on November 2 Ballot**

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**IRVINE, CA** – Today, Orange County Superior Court Judge Cramin granted the City of Irvine’s request for a court order to correct a voting instruction mistake made by the City of Irvine on the official election materials for the “Office of Irvine City Council.”

The court order calls for the Orange County Registrar to reprogram electronic ballot machines with the correct instructions to allow voters who vote at polling sites to cast votes for “no more than three” candidates for the Irvine City Council race. Simultaneously, the Orange County Registrar’s office is preparing a Supplemental Absentee Ballot for distribution next week to Irvine’s 24,000 registered absentee voters.

According to the Registrar’s Office, Irvine Absentee Ballot voters should vote the regular Absentee Ballot they have (or will) receive. Votes on the Absentee Ballot for the Irvine City Council race will not be counted. Absentee Ballot voters will receive, late next week, the Supplemental Absentee Ballot for the Irvine City Council race only. They will be correctly

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instructed in the Supplemental Ballot to vote for “no more than three” City Council candidates. Per the Registrar’s directions, the Absentee Ballot and the Supplemental Ballot must be returned to the Registrar separately in the separate envelopes provided.

The City is immediately launching a major public information effort to ensure that all Irvine voters have the correct voting instructions. Irvine voters, as early as Tuesday, will receive postcards from the City detailing that voters may cast “no more than three votes” for the Office of Irvine City Council. For more information, residents can call the City Election Instructions Hotline at (949) 724-6272, beginning Monday, October 11.

“Judge Cramin’s ruling today allows the City of Irvine to correct the voting instruction error and allows everyone to cast three votes for Irvine City Council,” said Jeri L. Stately, Irvine City Clerk. “We appreciate the County and Registrar Steve Rodermund for their assistance, cooperation and support helping us correct our unfortunate mistake.”

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