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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #26029

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Kalieka Edwards
Elections Analyst

RE: Military and Overseas Voter Return Envelope - English Only

Our office has updated the Military and Overseas Return Envelope.

The updates include revised language relating to signature comparison, which has been repositioned above the signature line on the envelope. (See, Elec. Code, §§ 3011(a)(10), 3106(a)).

The envelope has also been updated to include the Space Force in the listing of qualified branches of the military. (See, 10 U.S.C. § 101(a)(4)).

Attached is the most recent updated return envelope text in English only. Our office will issue a follow-up with the following nine languages as soon as they are available: Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

Please contact Kalieka Edwards at kedwards@sos.ca.gov should you have any questions.

Thank you.

Military and Overseas Voter Return Envelope

**Official Vote-By-Mail Ballot – to be opened ONLY BY Election Canvassing Board.
Voting more than once in the same election is a crime.**

Voted ballots that are mailed must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than 7 days after Election Day.

I declare as follows:

- I am absent from the California county where I am registered to vote; and
- I am 1) a member of the active or reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; a Merchant Marine; a member of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; a member of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps of the United States; or a member on activated status of the National Guard or state militia; or 2) an eligible spouse or dependent of such person; or 3) an eligible United States citizen living outside of the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia; and
- I am a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age or older on Election Day, and I am eligible to vote in the California jurisdiction in which I am voting with the enclosed/attached voted ballot; and
- I am not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony; and
- I have not been found mentally incompetent to vote by a court, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States, except the California jurisdiction cited in this enclosed/attached ballot; and
- I am the person whose name appears on this envelope.

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completing this envelope may be grounds for conviction of perjury under the laws of the State of California or the United States.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California or the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

WARNING: Your ballot will not be counted unless you sign below in your own handwriting. Your county elections official is required to compare your signature with the signature(s) in your voter registration record, which may include the signature appearing on your driver's license or state identification card.

X _____

Your signature as registered to vote (Power of Attorney NOT ACCEPTABLE)

Print your name

Date of signing

Residence address as registered in (insert county) County - NOT Mailing Address

AUTHORIZED AGENT

I am unable to return my ballot and hereby authorize:

(Name of person returning ballot)

(Signature of person returning ballot)