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Safeguarding Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot

As the upcoming election approaches, the Registrar of Voters (ROV) would like to remind voters of the important steps to ensure your vote-by-mail ballot is safely and securely submitted. Protecting your vote is our top priority, and we encourage all voters to follow these guidelines.

How to Submit Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot:

- 1. **By US Postal Service** You may mail your completed and sealed vote-by-mail ballot through the postal system. Ensure that it is postmarked on or before Election Day.
- 2. Official Drop Box You can drop off your ballot at any authorized drop box locations.
- 3. In Person:
 - o At the Registrar of Voters Office
 - At any Polling Site on Election Day

If You Cannot Submit Your Ballot Personally:

If you are unable to return your vote-by-mail ballot yourself, you may designate a family member or a trusted friend to return it on your behalf. However, the following conditions apply:

- The designated person must sign the designated section of the return envelope to identify themselves.
- The designated individual must return the ballot within 3 days of taking possession.

Important Reminders:

- Never release your unsealed vote-by-mail ballot to anyone.
- The Registrar of Voters' Office will **never** go door-to-door asking for vote-by-mail ballots.
- If you are unable to return your vote-by-mail ballot and have no one to assist you, please contact the Registrar of Voters' Office. An election official can make arrangements to help ensure your ballot is safely returned.

Your vote is your voice, and together, we can make sure every vote is counted securely. For any questions or further information, please contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at (442) 265-1060 or email at votersupport@co.imperial.ca.us.

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