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Special Election Ballots Arriving in Your Mail Soon

ROSEBURG, Ore. – Douglas County Clerk Patricia Hitt is alerting residents to watch their mail boxes for special election ballots, as ballots are being delivered to the post office today.

If registered voters have not received their ballots by January 10, please contact the Douglas County Election's Office. Ballots need to be returned by 8:00 p.m. January 23, 2018. Ballots put in one of the [drop boxes around the county](#) do not need postage, and can be placed in the drop box until 8:00 p.m. January 23, 2018.

Ballots sent through the mail need to allow enough time for the ballot to be returned to the election's office; postmarks **DO NOT** count.

Voters need to make sure they sign the ballot return envelope prior to mailing, or dropping in a ballot box. Ballots cannot be counted, unless the voter's signature can be verified. If your signature has changed, you will need to fill out a new voter registration card so that your current signature on file.

If the Douglas County Election's Office has any questions about your signature, they will contact you. If you are no longer able to sign, please contact the election's office for instructions prior to returning your ballot. In Oregon, a power of attorney does not qualify as a voter's signature.

For more information including a sample ballot, instructions, etc., please visit the [Douglas County Clerk's Office](#).

Voters' pamphlets are compiled and distributed by the Secretary of State's office. An electronic and audio version can be found at the [Secretary of State's website](#).

This special election centers around one ballot measure. Ballot Measure 101 asks voters to approve or reject temporary assessments to fund health care for low-income individuals and families, and to stabilize health insurance premiums. Temporary assessments on insurance companies, some hospitals, and other providers of insurance or health care coverage. Insurers may not increase rates on health insurance premiums by more than 1.5 percent as a result of these assessments.

For additional information, please visit the Oregon Secretary of State's website at oregonvotes.gov.

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