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**SUBJECT: DROP OFF BOX AIMED AT MAKING IT EASIER TO VOTE IN FRESNO
COUNTY NEW SERVICE FOR FRESNO COUNTY VOTERS**

Would you like to deliver your voted ballot directly to the Fresno County election office but your schedule won't allow you to visit during regular business hours? Fresno County Clerk Brandi Orth recognized the need for voters to return their Vote-by-Mail ballots after hours, either during the week or on the weekends. In an effort to continue to provide voters another opportunity to return their voted ballots, a new secure, steel "Ballot Drop Only" box is available at 2221 Kern Street, Fresno, California.

In announcing this new service, Fresno County Clerk Brandi Orth said: "I know voters lead very busy lives and that may make it difficult for them to visit the Election office during regular business hours. This new secure, steel Ballot Drop Only box will provide voters the opportunity to return their Vote-by-Mail ballot at their convenience."

Voted ballots must be received by an elections official by 8:00 pm November 4, 2014. A voter can return their voted ballot in any of the following ways:

- Drop it off at any polling location in Fresno County on election day;
- Drop it off at any of the 10 Voted Ballot Drive-Thru locations throughout Fresno county on election day;
- Mail it through the United States postal service; or
- Hand deliver it to the County Elections Department at 2221 Kern Street, Fresno.

We remind each voter to sign their purple return envelope, as every signature is compared to the signature on their voter registration card. Most voters return their Vote-by-Mail ballot personally; however they may authorize their spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister or household member to return a voted ballot for them.

For more information about voting by mail, call 559-600-VOTE (8683) or visit the County Elections Website at www.co.fresno.ca.us/elections.