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FRESNO, CA– Brandi Orth, Fresno County Clerk and Registrar of Voters, has announced the addition of an accessible, audio-enabled sample ballot and voter guide lookup tool for Fresno County registered voters to utilize, beginning now for the upcoming November 8, 2016 Presidential Election. Voters can simply navigate to the Fresno County website at <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/> where they will find the icon for: Accessible Voter Guide & Sample Ballot. Additionally, the site can be easily and directly accessed at: <http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>. Once the voter signs in, they can view their ballot and voter guide online with the use of their special equipment at home.

Orth said, “We are so pleased to offer this new audio-enabled sample ballot and voter guide for Fresno County registered voters. The site can be accessed by any voter from any device through any web browser.” She added, “We are constantly striving for the best ways to ensure that every registered voter in Fresno County can easily access the information for their ballot and this latest technology will allow that to happen.”

Hosted on the secure Microsoft Cloud for Government, the accessible sample ballot and voter guide are multilingual, and compatible with all major screen readers, tactile switches, closed captioning and sip-and-puff systems.

Sarah Harris, a Fresno County registered voter, was one of the first to try the Accessible Voter Guide and was pleased with the results. Sarah explained, “The sample ballot for 2016 was very accessible and easy to navigate. This has made my voting experience for 2016 much easier.”

The LiveBallot technology, already utilized by the Fresno County Elections Office, provides this valuable service. In 2012, Fresno County was one of only 13 California counties to receive funding from the Department of Defense to use the LiveBallot technology to deliver electronic ballots to Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCA) voters.

Orth concluded with a reminder that Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th and urged all registered voters to exercise their right to have their voice heard by casting their ballot. Please visit the Fresno County Elections office website at www.fresnovote.com to learn more.