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Florida Voters, Submit Your Ballot Request NOW for the February 2, 2009 Special Primary!

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010 Florida will hold a special State primary election to fill the congressional vacancy left by the resignation of Congressman Robert Wexler. A list of candidates is available at http://election.dos.state.fl.us/candidate/index.asp. The 19th Congressional District includes parts of Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

The Special General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

Request Your Ballot

If you do not have one on file, you need to fill out an absentee ballot request as soon as possible. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) ballot application and instructions are available at www.fvap.gov.

Send your FPCA NOW to ensure you have enough time to receive, vote, and return the ballot! The online version of the FPCA and Florida's instructions on how to fill out and submit the form are available at: www.fvap.gov.

If you are not a registered voter, your FPCA must be postmarked by January 4, 2010. Although the registration deadline is January 4, 2010 and the ballot request deadline is January 27, 2010, these dates do not take into account mail delivery times required to receive and return your ballot by Election Day. You should not wait to complete and submit your FPCA, especially if you are completing the process by mail from an overseas location.

If you are already registered to vote, you may fax your request for an absentee ballot. If you are not already registered, you must return this form by mail. It is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local election official (fax numbers can be found on the Florida Division of Election website at http://election.dos.state.fl.us).

Receive and Return Your Ballot

Local election officials send overseas ballots approximately 45 days before the election. If you are overseas and want to receive your blank ballot by fax or as an email attachment, you must mark this preference on your FPCA or personally contact your local Supervisor of Elections office by email or phone. Otherwise, the ballot will be mailed to you.

Recommended Mailing Dates for Your Voted Ballot

Although the deadline for your voted ballot to be received by the local election official is 7 pm, February 2, 2010, you should mail your ballot by the following dates to account for mail delivery times.

- From Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom Locations/Deployed Navy Vessels: **January 4**, 2010
- From Other Overseas Military Installations: **January 11, 2010**

- From Other Overseas Locations: **January 4, 2010**(or earlier, depending on foreign mail service)
- From Within the United States: **January 26, 2010**

To make sure your ballot arrives by the deadline, vote and return your ballot IMMEDIATELY upon receiving it! To save transit time if you are overseas, return your voted ballot by fax as provided in the instructions accompanying your absentee ballot.

For More Information: Go to the Florida Division of Election website at http://election.dos.state.fl.us or visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

We Want Your Feedback! If this document was helpful to you or if you ran into problems or have questions, please contact FVAP at 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.ncr.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at: www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.