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**REQUEST YOUR
ABSENTEE BALLOT TODAY!**



The goal of the Secretary of State's absentee ballot request mailing was to encourage absentee voting from home to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. The Secretary of State's Office worked closely with the United States Postal Service (USPS) and experts in mail design to create their absentee ballot request form mailer. The trifold design was highly recommended by the experts consulted because the postcard format guarantees acceptance and delivery by the USPS. The USPS has assured that information sent through the mail is safe and viewed only by employees of the USPS who are bound by federal laws regarding confidentiality.

If you would like to return your request form in an envelope, use the County Auditor address on the outside of the request. You will need to include your return address and apply a stamp to the envelope. Alternatively, you can return your request form in-person to your County Auditor or use it to vote absentee in-person beginning Monday, May 4th.

If you prefer, you can cut off the bottom panel just above the 'STEPS TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT', fold the remaining two panels together, tape it on the top and sides, and mail it. Or, you can fold the bottom panel in, then fold the top panel over it so that the County Auditor's address appears on the outside. This method involves no tearing, cutting, or ripping. Then tape it on the top and sides, and mail it.

Typically, the USPS requires the mailing tab tape that was used to seal the mailing that was sent to you. If you do not have tab tape, you must use at least 3/4" scotch tape. You must apply a piece of tape on the leading edge of the mailer (but don't cover the postage paid indicia), and then apply another piece on both the top (but don't cover the bar code) and the opposite side.