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Re: **OFFICIAL COUNTY DROP BOXES**
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

THE LAKE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE would like to inform voters, observers and the public that there have been recent reports of groups promoting unofficial ballot drop boxes. These ballot drop boxes, are being promoted as "official" or "secure", state law prohibits the use of unauthorized, non-official ballot drop boxes. Please contact our office at 707/263-2372 to report any concerns.

Voters, who would like to return their vote-by-mail ballot at a drop box, should **only use official county drop boxes**. Official ballot drop boxes are clearly recognizable, designed to meet standards for security, and bear the official Lake County Official Ballot Drop Box logo.

Locations of official Lake County drop boxes can be found on at <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/>.

Images of official Lake County Official Ballot Drop Boxes may be viewed at:
<http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Assets/Departments/RegistrarOfVoters/Nov+2020+Election/Drop+Box+Image.pdf>

Tips for voters:

- Make a plan to vote. You can return your vote-by-mail ballot using the prepaid postage return envelope or by bringing it to any official drop box, voting location, or county elections office.
- Voters can also choose someone to return their ballot. Only choose someone you trust to return your ballot. You and the authorized person must sign the Authorization Statement on the return envelope. Never give your ballot to someone else unless you have completed, signed, and sealed the return envelope.
- Sign up for ballot tracking. You can sign-up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic notifications by text message, email or voice message about the status of your vote-by-mail ballot. You'll be notified once your county has received your ballot, once it is counted, and if there are any issues with the ballot.
- General information on voting from trusted, official sources – the county Registrar of Voters office and the Secretary of State. Resources for Lake County voters are available at: <http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/ROV/Upcoming/110320.htm>. The Secretary of State also has resources for California voters at vote.ca.gov.