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State Election Board Officials Caution Voters About Mailing From "OKVOTE" Organization

(Oklahoma City) – Officials with the Oklahoma State Election Board cautioned voters about a mailing from a Tulsa-based organization, "OKVOTE," after state and county election offices received several complaints from voters this week.

The mailing is an unsolicited, pre-filled voter registration application accompanied by a letter that mistakenly advises some recipients that "according to State Election Board records" they are not registered to vote at their current address – even though official Election Board records actually show many of the recipients who have contacted election officials are already properly registered.

"State and county election officials are not affiliated with OKVOTE nor with this mailing," State Election Board Secretary Paul Ziriax said. "Although we know OKVOTE has good intentions, this mailing has caused confusion by mistakenly telling some registered voters that they are not registered to vote at their address. We encourage voters who received this letter to use the official <u>OK Voter Portal</u> or contact their <u>County Election Board</u> to confirm their voter registration."

Voters have until October 9 to update their voter registration or register for the first time for the 2020 General Election. Voters can use the State Election Board's new online <u>Voter Registration "Wizard"</u> to complete an application online, then print, sign and mail it to their <u>County Election Board</u>. A paper voter registration application can also be printed from the <u>State Election Board's website</u>.

Ziriax said voters with questions or complaints about the OKVOTE mailing can contact the OKVOTE organization directly at <u>info@okvote.org</u>.

Ziriax also urged voters to use official Election Board sites for election information or voter services.

"If you want to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, find your polling place, get a sample ballot, or sign up for election reminders, the best place to get these services is from the State Election Board or your County Election Board," Ziriax said.

URL Guide: OK Voter Portal: <u>https://www.ok.gov/elections/OVP.html</u> Voter Registration "Wizard": <u>https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/Home/RegWizard</u> County Election Board Directory: <u>https://www.ok.gov/elections/About_Us/County_Election_Boards/index.html</u> State Election Board Website: <u>https://www.ok.gov/elections/index.html</u>

OKVOTE Letter:

https://www.ok.gov/elections/documents/OKVOTE%20LETTER%201.pdf

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vo	ccording to Oklahoma State Election Board records, you are not presently registered to ote at your current address. Oklahoma law requires that voters update their registration they have moved and want to vote at their current address.	
if th	you have recently updated your voter registration, please disregard this notice. But you would like to update your registration or register for the first time, please fill out e missing fields on the enclosed registration form and return it in the postage-paid nvelope provided. It only takes a couple of minutes!	
O V	klahoma law requires that your form be postmarked by October 9th in order to ote in the November 3rd election.	
it	he upcoming election is an important one and we are expecting a record turnout. So, 's really important that your voice and all the voices in your community are heard on lovember 3rd. If you know a friend or family member or coworker who is not registered, lease refer them to www.okvote.org so that they can register to vote as well.	
c	Questions, comments, need help? Email us at info@okvote.org.	