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Ballot Printing Error Potentially Affects 8 Harrison Voters

Kootenai County Clerk Cliff Hayes announced today that County Elections' personnel made an error on the City of Harrison's ballot instructions. "The instruction should have said *vote for three* City Council candidates, but the instruction said *vote for two*," Hayes said. "We apologize for our error, and thank Harrison's City Clerk for bringing it to our attention."

Hayes noted that County Elections' staff immediately ordered corrected ballots, and arranged for their printing & delivery in time for next Tuesday's election. "Seven voters requested absentee ballots by mail; only three ballots have been returned to us. We are now in the process of contacting these three voters plus one voter who voted in-person absentee on an incorrect ballot", Hayes said. "We will deliver correct ballots to the four who have already voted, and ask them to re-vote. We are attempting to contact the remaining four who haven't yet returned their ballots, to tell them we'll send a replacement ballot with the proper instruction."

This error affected Precincts 68 & 70. Any voter in these precincts who is in possession of an absentee ballot is encouraged to call the County Elections office at 446-1030.

Sample ballots appearing in the legal notices of tomorrow's newspapers may portray inaccurate instructions. Voters are assured of getting ballots with the right instructions from today through Election Day, November 8.

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