

**State of Iowa**  
**Special Write-In Absentee Ballot - General Election – November 8, 2016**  
**Voting Instructions**

Read these instructions before marking the ballot. No candidates' names are printed on the ballot. If you need help marking your ballot due to a physical disability or inability to read, you may choose any person to help you except your employer, your employer's agent, or an officer/agent of your union.

Secretary of State's Office

Phone: 1-888-SOS-VOTE

Email: [uocava@sos.iowa.gov](mailto:uocava@sos.iowa.gov)

Fax: (515) 281-4682

County Auditor

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions For Returning Your Ballot By Mail**

**1. Read and mark your ballot carefully.**

Using the list of candidates provided, cast your votes on the special write-in absentee ballot form. To do so, write the name of your choice on the line after the appropriate office title. You may vote for someone who is not on the list of candidates. Do not mark your choices on the enclosed candidate list.

Each office title lists the number of candidates you may vote for. Do not write more names than that number. You may choose to vote for fewer candidates, or you may skip any race. Do not make any mark that would identify your ballot later.

**2. Review your ballot.**

**3. Place your ballot in the secrecy folder (if provided).**

**4. Sign and complete the affidavit envelope.**

Your absentee ballot cannot be counted if the affidavit envelope is not signed. You must complete this affidavit even if you are already registered to vote.

**5. Place the secrecy folder (containing your ballot) inside the affidavit envelope.**

**6. Seal the affidavit envelope.**

If you don't put your ballot in the affidavit envelope and seal it, your ballot cannot be counted.

**7. Place the affidavit envelope inside the return envelope and seal the return envelope.**

**8. Return your ballot.**

If you use the U.S. Postal Service or the FPO/APO mail system and the return envelope provided, postage is free. Otherwise, you must pay postage.

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**Instructions For Returning Your Ballot By Email Or Fax**

You may return your ballot by email or fax to the auditor's office if you are one of the following:

- A voter located in an "imminent danger pay area zone" as designated by the U.S. Department of Defense, or
- A voter who is an active member of the army, navy, marine corps, merchant marine, coast guard, air force, or Iowa National Guard and who is currently stationed outside the U.S. or any of its territories.

If you choose to return your ballot electronically, you must sign a statement affirming that you are in an imminent danger pay area and waiving your right to a secret ballot.

A list of imminent danger pay area can be found here: <http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/imminentdanger.pdf>.

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**2. Review your ballot.**

**3. Complete the acknowledgment/secretcy waiver cover sheet.**

**4. Sign and complete the affidavit envelope form.**

Your absentee ballot cannot be counted if the affidavit form is not signed and returned. You must complete this affidavit even if you are already registered to vote.

**5. Return your voted ballot and completed forms by emailing or faxing them to one of the following:**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Email: [uocava@sos.iowa.gov](mailto:uocava@sos.iowa.gov) Fax: (515) 281-4682

Be sure to include the acknowledgment/secretcy waiver cover sheet and the affidavit envelope form in your email or fax. Only send your ballot once.