

Warden Message

February 18, 2010

Dear Warden and/or Registrant:

The U.S. Embassy in Quito wishes to inform American citizens visiting or residing in Ecuador that on **Tuesday, March 2, 2010**, Texas will hold its State primary election. If you are eligible to vote in this election, and if you requested and received a ballot for the November 4, 2008 presidential election, you will should have received an absentee ballot by now, unless your mailing address has changed. If you requested your ballot and have not received it, you may submit a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

Vote your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

You may download a FWAB on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website (www.FVAP.gov). To complete the FWAB's Voter's Declaration/Affirmation correctly, follow the Texas instructions at www.fvap.gov/FWAB/fwab-tx.html, or in the *2010-11 Voting Assistance Guide*. To complete the ballot, use the official candidate list at the Texas State Elections website at: www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/whatisontheballot.shtml.

Return Your FWAB Immediately by Mail!

Fold and place the voted ballot in the security envelope and seal. Insert the sealed security envelope and the completed, signed and dated Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail the ballot directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found at www.fvap.gov/contact/addresses/txaddr.html.

Your State ballot or FWAB submitted within the U.S. must be received by your local election office by **7 pm March 2, 2010**. State ballots and FWABs submitted by overseas uniformed services members, their families, or overseas citizens must be postmarked by **7 pm on March 2, 2010 and received no later than March 8, 2010**.

If you receive the regular State ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return it immediately! If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the regular State ballot will be counted.

For More Information: Go to the Texas election website at: www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml or visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website

<https://travelregistration.state.gov>> , and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local warden message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.

U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) is (011) 593-2-398-5000 x3800. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. See also the Embassy web site at <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/>. American Citizen walk-in hours are between 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, excluding U.S. and Ecuadorian holidays.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.