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**VINELAND MAYOR'S RACE**

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**VINELAND** — It's time to vote — again. Residents will head to the polls Tuesday for a runoff election that will decide the city's next mayor.

The choices:

- » Incumbent Robert Romano, a retired Vineland police lieutenant who has served 4½ years in office and whose campaign slogan is "Proven Progress." On Nov. 6, he received 8,506 votes, or 39.89 percent of the ballots cast.
- » Former City Council president Ruben Bermudez, a Landis Avenue business owner who has eight years of council experience and whose slogan is "Moving Forward Together." Bermudez received 5,503 votes, or 25.81 percent.

Neither candidate could have foreseen that the election would drag on until late December.

Last year, city officials decided to move the nonpartisan municipal elections from May to November to save money.

Then the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy in October forced two statewide delays for counting provisional and mail-in ballots cast in the Nov. 6 election. Ultimately, the original date for the Dec. 4 runoff in Vineland — required because neither candidate got more than 50 percent of votes cast — was pushed back again to Dec. 18.

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<b>BERMUDEZ</b>	Bermudez wants to form community-based advisory committees reporting to him on how money is spent for the budget and electric plant.	Bermudez says he'd drive his own car, and pay for his own insurance and gas.	Bermudez doubts the project will happen and says developers need to provide more information about how it would be funded.	Bermudez wants to build new facilities in East Vineland that can expand the utility's reach into wind, steam and solar power.	Bermudez wants to work with county officials to create a 4-year technical high school.
<b>ROMANO</b>	Romano says it's impossible to involve citizens in those areas because they don't have adequate perspective.	Romano says he won't give back the city-owned vehicle he drives in his role as public safety director.	Romano says the city will work with the developers of the proposed \$350 million sports complex.	Romano says wind power won't work and the city already has a plan to expand solar capabilities.	Romano says the city already has strong job programs in place.

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