PRESS RELEASE

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 26, 2010

CROSS-OVER VOTING AVAILABLE TO NON-PARTISAN VOTERS

Democrats and Republicans Open Party Primaries to Unaffiliated Voters

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan is notifying voters that the Democratic and Republican parties have provided notice to the Secretary of State that they will allow voters registered as "Decline to State" or "Non-Partisan" to cross-over and vote on Democratic or Republican party ballots in the June 8, 2010 Statewide Primary Election. Decline to State and Non-Partisan voters who do not wish to cross-over can vote a Non-Partisan ballot limited to statewide and local measures and non-partisan contests.

California's "Modified Closed Primary" provides for political parties to allow "Non-Partisan" or "Decline to State" voters to cross-over and vote in their scheduled party primary elections. For the June 8, 2010 Statewide Primary Election the Democratic and Republican parties requested that this option be exercised. Secretary of State Memorandum #10032 regarding the adoption of the party rules for the Statewide Primary Elections documents each of the party's determination. (See Attached Memorandum)

Logan said, "The RR/CC will inform unaffiliated voters of their ability to cross-over and participate in the parties' primaries through our countywide voter education efforts."

(MORE)

Information about cross-over options will be mailed to all unaffiliated permanent mail-in voters informing them of their options well in advance of the election. Official sample ballot booklets, mailed to all registered voters during the weeks prior to the election will provide further instructions. More importantly, poll workers will be trained extensively so that Decline to State and Non-Partisan voters who vote at their polling location will be aware of their options on Election Day.

Additional information for Decline to State and Non-Partisan voters will soon be available on the RR/CC website www.lavote.net. Voters may also call the RR/CC at 1 (800) 815-2666.

Persons requiring multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese can call (800) 481-8683.

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January 25, 2010

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #10032

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: Evelyn Mendez
Program Manager Candidates and Elections

RE: Statewide Direct Primary: Decline to State and Central Committee Notice

The following parties have filed the requisite statement notifying the Secretary of State that they **have** adopted a party rule permitting unaffiliated voters to request their party ballot in the June 8, 2010, Statewide Direct Primary to participate in the primary election for partisan offices:

- Democratic Party, letter dated January 7, 2010
- Republican Party, letter dated January 25, 2010

Please validate unaffiliated voter signatures for Democratic and Republican candidates signatures in-lieu petitions, starting from the date the parties adopted the rule.

The following parties have also notified the Secretary of State that they will be conducting their Central Committee Elections:

- Democratic Party, letter dated January 7, 2010
- American Independent Party, letter dated January 19, 2010
- Peace and Freedom Party, letter dated January 22, 2010
- Republican Party, letter dated January 25, 2010
- Libertarian Party, letter dated January 25, 2010
- Green Party, letter dated January 25, 2010

A copy of all six qualified parties letters have been attached.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR JOHN BURTON (RET.), CHAIRMAN

January 7, 2010

VIA FACSIMILE (916) 653-3214

Secretary of State Debra Bowen
1500 15th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Bowen:

Please be advised that the California Democratic Party hereby adopts Elections Code sections 13102(b)-(c) for the June 8, 2010 Statewide Primary, allowing unaffiliated registered voters to request a Democratic ballot and vote in the primary of the California Democratic Party.

Please note, however, that unaffiliated voters are not allowed to vote in Democratic Central Committee races.

Sincerely,

John Burton
Chair

cc: Cathy Mitchell, Chief, Elections Division

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To: Elections Division Date: January 19, 2010
From: State Chairman of the American Independent Party, Markham Robinson
Re: Decline to State (DTS) Letter

Dear Secretary of State Debra Bowen,

In compliance with Senate Bill 28, I, the Chairman of the American Independent Party, Markham Robinson, do hereby certify that the State Central Committee of the American Independent Party voted on January 13, 2010 to **not allow** Decline to State Voters to do any of the following:

1. Vote for American Independent Party candidates in any Primary Election;
2. Vote for American Independent Party County Central Committee candidates in any Primary Election;
3. Vote for Delegates to any American Independent Party Convention;
4. Vote for Electors for President or Vice President (usually called Electoral College electors) or Presidential Nominating Committee candidates;
5. Sign or circulate any petition for Signatures in Lieu for American Independent Party candidates;
6. Sign or circulate any nominating petitions for American Independent Party candidates;

All references to voting above apply equally to Absent Voters as well as to those appearing at polling places to vote.

In summary the American Independent Party chooses to prohibit any non-American Independent Party voter from participating in the above activities. In common parlance we choose to ***Close*** our Primary and other specifically American Independent functions listed above to any but American Independent Party voters.

We hereby Close to the participation of any voter who is not registered an American Independent any function previously open to Decline to State voters.

Under penalty of perjury I solemnly affirm, certify and swear to the truth of all the foregoing.

Markham Robinson, Chairman of the American Independent Party State Central Committee

Markham Robinson

Executed in Vacaville California in Solano County on: Date: January 19, 2010

Kevin Akin

State Chair

Peace and Freedom Party California State Central Committee

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22 January 2010

E. Mendez
Program Manager for Candidates and Elections
Office of the Secretary of State
1500 Eleventh Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Mendez,,
This letter is to inform you of two decisions of the Peace and Freedom Party State Central Committee in regard to the 8 June 2010 Primary Election:

1) We will be conducting our central committee elections as part of the Primary Election; and
2) We will not permit voters who decline to state a political party to participate in our Primary Election.

As the deadline for your receipt of this letter is approaching, kindly please notify me by e-mail that this letter has been received, and will be acted upon.

Sincerely,

Kevin Akin, State Chair,
Peace and Freedom Party

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January 25, 2010

BY FACSIMILE (916) 653-3214

Rhonda Pasquale
Evelyn Mendez
Counsel
Office of the Secretary of State
1500- 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Pasqulac and Ms. Mendez:

This is to clarify that the Bylaws of the California Republican Party permit decline-to-state voters to participate in the Consolidated Direct Primary Election for all partisan elective offices that will be on the ballot at the June 8, 2010 Consolidated Direct Primary Election.

The only, current exclusion from offices subject to this permissive bylaw provision are for President of the United States (which will not appear on this ballot) and members of Republican County Central Committees.

I hope this clarifies the matter and answers your questions.

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Bell, Jr.
General Counsel to the California Republican Party

CHB: sd

January 22, 2010

BY FACSIMILE: (916) 653-0718

Honorable Deborah Bowen
Secretary of State
c/o Rhonda Pasquale
Office of the Secretary of State
1500- 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: California Republican Party Statement re: Decline to State Voter Participation

Dear Secretary Bowen:

On behalf of the California Republican Party, whose Chairman Ron Nehring has authorized me to submit this statement, the California Republican Party's rules provide the following with respect to "decline to state" voters' participation in its primary elections:

(1) The Party's bylaws, Art. I, section 1.04(A), prohibit "decline to state" voters from participating in regular elections for California Republican Party County Central Committee members.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Brent Lowder,
Chief Operating Officer
California Republican Party

cc: Mr. Ron Nehring, Chairman
Charles H. Bell, Jr., CRP General Counsel

January 25, 2010

Evelyn Mendez
Elections Division
Secretary of State's Office
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Mendez and All Concerned:

This letter notifies you that the Libertarian Party of California will have closed Primary elections and will conduct our own election of officers for 2010.

Thank you very much for your attention to our needs! Please contact me at 818-782-8400 if you have any questions about this.

Sincerely,

Kevin Takenaga
Chair

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Green Party of California

January 25, 2010

California Secretary of State's Office
Elections Division
Attn: Diedra Avent
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Avent:

This is to notify the Secretary of State that the Green Party county council (central committee) elections will be held on the day of the June 8, 2010 primary.

Sincerely,

Jane Rands
Liaison to the Secretary of State
Green Party of California

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Green Party of California

January 25, 2010

Secretary of State's Office
ATTN: Evelyn Mendez
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Ms. Mendez,

The Green Party of California does not authorize voters registered as decline to state to vote a Green Party ballot in the direct primary election, June 8, 2010.

Sincerely,

Jane C Rands

Jane Rands
Liaison to the Secretary of State
Green Party of California

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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

JAN 25 2010

Debra Bowen, Secretary of State
By _____
Deputy Secretary of State