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CROSS OVER VOTING AVAILABLE FOR NON-PARTISAN VOTERS

Acting Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan reminds voters who are registered as “Decline to State” or “Non-Partisan” that they may crossover and choose American Independent or Democratic party ballots in the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election. Voters can also vote a non-partisan ballot using statewide measures and local ballot propositions only.

Under California’s “Modified Closed Primary” law that passed in 2002, each established political party may request that “Non-Partisan” or “Decline to State” voters be allowed to cross over and vote in their scheduled party primary elections. For this election only, the American Independent or Democratic Parties requested that this option be exercised.

Logan said, “This is the first time that the Democratic and Republican parties have made different decisions with regard to allowing cross over voting for non-partisan voters. We have undertaken an aggressive voter education campaign in order to avoid confusion so that voters who are eligible and choose to cross over can do so.”

The RR/CC mailed letters to all permanent non-partisan mail-in voters notifying them of their options, included notices in sample ballot packets mailed to every registered voter and trained pollworkers extensively so that non-partisan voters who vote at their polling location will be aware of their options on Election Day.

Additional information, including a full explanation of cross over voting may be found on the RR/CC’s website at www.lavote.net or on the Secretary of State’s website at www.sos.ca.gov. 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 regarding information in the press release, may call (800) 481-8683.

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