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Nomination Period Open For 26th State Senate District Special Primary Election On March 24, 2009

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan announced today that persons intending to run for office in the 26th State Senate District Special Primary Election on March 24, 2009, may file nomination documents beginning Tuesday, January 20th through Monday, February 9, 2009 with the RR/CC at 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, 2nd Floor, Room 2013, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Special Primary Election on March 24 is being held for the purpose of electing party candidates for the Special Runoff Election on May 19 which will be held to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term ending December 1, 2010, in the 26th State Senate District resulting from the resignation of office by Mark Ridley-Thomas. (If any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast at the Special Primary Election, he or she shall be declared elected and the Special General Election shall not be held.)

Persons wishing to run for office must be a United States citizen, a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued, and may not have served for more than two terms in the State Senate since November 6, 1990. Persons must have been affiliated with a party, as shown by his or her affidavit of registration, at least 3 months prior to filing nomination documents, or for as long as he or she has been eligible to register to vote in the State. The person must not have been affiliated with any other qualified party for 12 months immediately prior to filing. The deadline for filing nomination papers is Monday, February 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

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The filing fee is \$1,162.08 and 40-60 nominating signatures are required. Petition forms are now available for persons wishing to secure signatures in lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the in lieu petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements for offices on the nominating petition provided they are registrants of the same party as the candidate. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fee or present in lieu signatures at the time they receive their nomination papers. The total number of in lieu signatures needed is 3,000 for Democratic and Republican party candidates and 150 for minor party candidates. Persons filing in lieu signatures will be notified within ten calendar days of filing the petition of any deficiency. The deadline to file signatures in lieu petitions is Monday, January 26. In the event of a deficiency, candidates may submit, prior to the close of the nomination period, a supplemental petition or pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency. The deadline to file a supplemental petition is 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2009.

Further information can be obtained by calling the RR/CC, Election Planning Section at (562) 462-2317 or by going online to the RR/CC website www.lavote.net and clicking on the Voter & Election Information hyperlink.

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

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