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MEMORANDUM

FROM: PROTECTION & ADVOCACY INC.

RE: VOTING AND DISABILITY

DATE: October 6, 2003

The Secretary of State is responsible for administering elections in the state of California. In order to take part in state and federal elections you must first be a registered voter. Once you have registered, you are eligible to participate in all elections within the state of California. Each state has its own guidelines for voter registration, and if you move to another state, you will have to register to vote in that state.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

1. Am I eligible to register to vote in California?

You may register to vote if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a United States citizen
- You are a resident of California
- You are at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the next election)
- You are not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony
- You have not been judged by a court to be mentally incompetent to register to vote.

2. Once I have registered to vote, do I ever have to register again?

You will need to re-register to vote if you:

- Move,
- Change your name
- Change your political party affiliation

3. When do I need to register?

In California, the deadline to register for an election is 15 days before Election Day, so you should register early.

4. How do I register?

- You should call **1-800-345-VOTE** and request that a voter registration form be mailed to you.
- You can also contact your county Registrar of Voters to request a voter registration card (see attached list).
- Voter registration forms are available at County libraries, post offices, Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) offices, and local County/City Clerk offices.
- If you have internet access:
 - Go to the Secretary of State's website at:
[www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm]
and click on "Fill-out a Voter Registration Form Online".
 - You can download a registration form from the Secretary of State's website and mail the form to:
Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

5. Who should I contact if I have questions?

For assistance with voter registration you can contact the Secretary of State's Office at any of the following numbers:

English: 1-800-345-VOTE
Spanish: 1-800-232-VOTA
Chinese: 1-800-339-2857
Vietnamese: 1-800-339-8163
Japanese: 1-800-339-2865
Tagalog: 1-800-339-2957

You can also contact your county Registrar for assistance (see attachment).

OTHER ISSUES

1. What if I can not get to the voting polls or my polling place is not accessible?

All California voters are eligible to vote absentee. If you vote absentee, your ballot will be mailed to you and you will fill it out and send it back by mail.

If you would like to vote absentee in the next election, you must fill out an application.

If you would prefer to vote at your polling place and it is not accessible, you may approach as near as possible to the voting area and ask a poll worker to provide "curbside voting." The poll worker will bring the voting materials to you.

2. Where do I get an *absentee ballot* application?

To apply for an absentee ballot, you may use the application printed in your Sample Ballot, which you will receive prior to every election,

Or, you can apply in writing to your county elections official (see pages 6-10). The letter must contain:

- 1) your name and residence address as stated on your registration card;
- 2) the address to which the absentee ballot should be sent;
- 3) the name and date of the election in which you would like to vote absentee;
- 4) the date and your signature.

3. When do I have to send my absentee ballot?

The form must be received by the county elections official no later than seven (7) days before the election.

4. Do I have to apply to vote absentee before every election?

No. You can apply to vote absentee permanently. Any registered voter may apply for permanent absentee voter status. If you are a permanent absentee voter, an absentee ballot will automatically be sent to you before every election.

To apply for permanent absentee voter status, contact your county elections official (see attachment).

5. Does my polling place have to be accessible to individuals with disabilities?

- Under federal law, each state must develop guidelines for polling place accessibility. The Secretary of State, in conjunction with individuals representing persons with disabilities, developed the *Polling Place Accessibility Checklist*.
- Once you have registered to vote (see above) you will receive a sample ballot from your county office. On the back page of this

sample ballot, every registered voter will receive notification of whether their polling place is accessible.

- Even if your polling place is accessible, the voting machines may not be accessible. You should contact your county Registrar well in advance of the election date to make sure that

6. What if I cannot read or I have difficulty reading the *Voter Information Guide*?

AUDIO CASSETTE

You can request an audio cassette version of the *Voter information Guide* for general elections and primary elections from the Secretary of State by calling **1-800-345-VOTE**.

Audio cassettes for state and local ballot pamphlets are also available at most libraries, the Braille Institute, and the Registrar of Voters (see attachment).

If you have internet access:

You can download the request form from the Secretary of State website [www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_dis.htm], fill out and submit the request form on-line,

EASY READER VOTING GUIDE

You can also order an **Easy Reading Voter Guide**. This is a 16-page booklet that provides nonpartisan voting information. The guide is clear, concise, and easy-to-read. It makes complex material understandable to a broad range of Californians. The guide is translated into various languages and contains:

- Statements from each of California's political parties
- Statements and photos from candidates for statewide offices
- Concise explanations of statewide ballot measures
- Basic information on registering and voting

You can pick up a free copy from your local library, or you can get a copy by contacting your county Registrar of Voters (see attachment).

At this time, the voter registration guide is not available in Braille, American Sign Language, or on Compact Disc (CD).

If you have internet access:

You can download a copy of the Easy Reader Voting Guide at
[www.easyvoter.org]

If you still have questions or if you have problems with accessibility contact Protection & Advocacy Inc. (PAI) at 1-800-776-5746

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
By County**

Alameda

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(510) 272-6982 Fax
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www.co.alameda.ca.us/rov/index.htm

Butte

Candace Grubbs, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar
25 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965-3375
(530) 538-7761
(530) 538-7975 Fax
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Alpine

Barbara K. Jones, County Clerk
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Markleeville, CA 96120
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(530) 694-2491 Fax
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<http://www.co.alpine.ca.us/dept/clerk/clerk.html>

Calaveras

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Elections Department
891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249
(209) 754-6376
(209) 754-6733 Fax
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<http://www.co.calaveras.ca.us/departments/recorder.html>

Amador

Sheldon D. Johnson, Registrar of Voters
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642
(209) 223-6465
(209) 223-0691 Fax
Hours 8:00am - 5:00pm

Colusa

Kathleen Moran, County Clerk-Recorder
546 Jay Street
Colusa, CA 95932
(530) 458-0500
(530) 458-0512 Fax
Hours 8:30 - 5:00pm

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
By County**

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Stephen L. Weir, County Clerk
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Martinez, CA 94553
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(925) 646-1385 Fax
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www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/elect/index.htm

Fresno

Victor E. Salazar, County Clerk/Registrar of Voters
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 488-1730
(559) 488-3279 Fax
Hours 7:00am - 5:00pm
www.fresno.ca.gov/2850/index.html

Del Norte

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Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 464-7216
(707) 465-0383
(707) 465-0321 Fax
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Glenn

Vince T. Minto, County Clerk-Recorder
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Willows, CA 95988
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(530) 934-6485 Fax
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El Dorado

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2850 Fairlane Court
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(530) 626-5514 Fax
Hours 8:00am - 5:00pm
www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/elections/

Humboldt

Carolyn Wilson Crnich, Recorder, County Clerk & Registrar of Voters
3033 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-7481
(707) 445-7678
Hours 8:30am - 12:00pm / 1:00pm - 5:00pm
www.co.humboldt.ca.us/election

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
By County**

Imperial

Dolores Provencio, County Clerk-Recorder
940 West Main Street,
Suite 202
El Centro, CA 92243-2865
(760) 482-4226
(760) 337-4182 Fax
Hours 8:00am - 5:00pm

Kings

George Misner, County Clerk-Recorder
Government Center
1400 West Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230
(559) 582-3211 EXT. 4401
Hours 8:00am - 5:00pm
<http://www.countyofkings.com>

Inyo

Beverly J. Harry, County Clerk/Registrar of Voters
168 North Edwards
P O DRAWER F
Independence, CA 93526
(760) 878-0224
(760) 878-1805 Fax
Hours 9:00am - 12:00pm / 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Lake

Diane C. Fridley,
Chief Deputy Registrar
255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453
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Kern

Ann Barnett, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk-Registrar of
Voters
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1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 868-3590
(661) 868-3768 Fax
Hours 8:00am - 5:00pm
www.co.kern.ca.us/elections/

Lassen

Theresa Nagel, County Clerk
Courthouse
220 South Lassen Street, Suite 5
Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 251-8217
(530) 257-3480 Fax
Hours 9:00am - 12:00pm / 1:00pm - 4:00pm
<http://clerk.lassencounty.org/registrar.htm>

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
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Los Angeles

Conny McCormack, Registrar - Recorder/County Clerk
12400 Imperial Hwy.
Norwalk, CA 90650
P O Box 1024
Norwalk, CA 90051-1024
(562) 462-2748
(562) 863-2039 Fax
Hours 8:00am - 5:00pm
<http://regrec.co.la.ca.us/>

Mariposa

Marjorie Wass, County Clerk
Hall of Records
4982 10th Street
P.O. Box 247
Mariposa, CA 95338
(209) 966-2007
(209) 966-6496 Fax
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<http://www.mariposacounty.org>

Madera

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209 West Yosemite Avenue
Madera, CA 93637
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Mendocino

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Ukiah, CA 95482
(707) 463-4371
(707) 463-4257 Fax
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www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/index.html

Marin

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San Rafael, CA 94903
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San Rafael, CA 94913-3904
(415) 499-6448
(415) 499-6447 Fax
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co.marin.ca.us/depts/RV/main/index.cfm

Merced

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Merced, CA 95340
(209) 385-7541
(209) 385-7387 Fax
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www.co.merced.ca.us/elections/index.html

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
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Modoc

Maxine Madison, County Clerk
204 Court Street
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Alturas, CA 96101
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(530) 233-2434 Fax
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Napa

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Napa, CA 94559-2946
(707) 253-4321
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www.co.napa.ca.us/Departments/Elections.htm

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Orange

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Sacramento

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Plumas

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San Benito

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(408) 998-7314 Fax
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Shasta

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Solano

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Fairfield, CA 94533
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(707) 421-6678 Fax
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Sonoma

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Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1485
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www.sonoma-county.org/admin/regvoter

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stanvote.com

Trinity

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Yuba

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Yolo

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<http://www.yoloelections.org>