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## **Secretary of State Alex Padilla Statement on Election Lawsuit**

**SACRAMENTO** – Today, a United States Federal District Court granted the California Secretary of State’s motion to dismiss *Voting Rights Defense Project et al. v. Tim Dupuis et al.*

The plaintiffs sought unprecedented relief to compel the Secretary of State and local elections officials to ignore state law – including moving the voter registration deadline – and allow persons to revote after already casting a ballot.

Secretary of State Alex Padilla issued the following statement:

“We are pleased that the court has dismissed a case that sought to disregard well established state elections law. The case was an unnecessary distraction as elections officials worked tirelessly to prepare for a high turnout June 7 Presidential Primary Election.”

“More than 18 million Californians are now registered to vote—the second highest level in our state’s history. Rather than tie up precious public resources responding to this lawsuit, elections officials can continue their work facilitating the civic participation of all eligible California citizens. Our office continues to work with local elections officials and civic organizations to ensure that Californians are informed of their rights as the important November 8 General Election quickly approaches.”

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