

# DEBRA BOWEN

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### Secretary of State Bowen Announces Results Of Randomized Alphabet Drawing For Candidate Order on Ballots in 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Special Election

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen’s office today held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates’ names will appear on the May 19 primary and, if necessary, the July 14, 2009, run-off special election ballots in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. The results of the drawing are as follows:

1. H	8. J	15. I	22. P
2. R	9. G	16. Q	23. U
3. S	10. C	17. F	24. Z
4. L	11. M	18. E	25. T
5. A	12. K	19. O	26. X
6. B	13. V	20. D	
7. Y	14. W	21. N	

This special election is being held to fill the vacancy created when Congresswoman Hilda Solis resigned from the seat after being appointed as the United States Secretary of Labor.

In accordance with Elections Code section 13112(d), the names of candidates on the ballot are arranged based on the randomized alphabet. This alphabet applies throughout the entire last name of the candidate. If the names of two or more candidates begin with the same letter, their ballot listing order is determined by applying the randomized alphabet to the next letter(s) of their names. If last names of multiple candidates are the same, the randomized alphabet also applies to first names.

If no candidate receives 50% or more of the votes cast on May 19, the name of the candidate from each qualified political party who receives the most votes cast will appear on the July 14 special general election ballot.

Today’s randomized alphabet drawing was held in the Elections Division within the Secretary of State’s office in compliance with Elections Code section 13112. Staff members pulled the letters in a lottery-style drawing, with witnesses from media and the public present.

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