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Secretary of State Bowen Announces Certified List of 40th Senate District Candidates

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced the certified list of candidates who will appear on the March 12 Special Primary Election ballot for the 40th Senate District. The candidates and their official ballot designations are:

- **Ben Hueso (Party Preference: Democratic) – California State Assemblymember**
- **Anna Nevenic (Party Preference: Democratic) – Nurse/Author**
- **Hector Raul Gastelum (Party Preference: Republican) – Businessman**
- **Xanthi Gionis (Party Preference: Republican) – Professor/Businesswoman/Author**

The Senate District 40 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by Juan Vargas, who resigned after being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In a special primary, if one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast (50 percent plus one), no additional election is necessary. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election will be held on May 14, with a ballot featuring the two candidates who received the most votes in the primary, regardless of party preference.

The official certified list of candidates with contact information is at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/special-elections/2013-sd40/certified-list.pdf.

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