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New California Voter Data Show Record-High of Voters with No Political Party

SACRAMENTO – Updated voter registration numbers released by Secretary of State Debra Bowen today show 23.1 percent of California voters registered without a political party preference – an all-time high. A total of 17,634,876 Californians are registered to vote.

While the statewide voter registration database is updated daily, California law requires voter registration updates 60 days and 15 days before each statewide general election. After the 58 county elections officials certify their voter data, the Secretary of State compiles all data into a statewide report and offers various dissections by political district and political party.

The complete 60-day Report of Registration is at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ror/ror-pages/60day-general-2014. The report reflects data gathered 60 days before the November 4 General Election with county updates to voter registration rolls that include removal of registrants who have died, moved out of state or are ineligible to vote, as well as the addition of new registrants.

“This being California Voter Registration Week, it’s a perfect time to register to vote and encourage eligible friends and family to do it, too,” said Secretary Bowen, California’s chief elections official. “Californians will choose their leaders and weigh in on important public policy decisions in just six weeks.”

The state voter registration application is online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov and available on paper at many post offices, public libraries, California Department of Motor Vehicle offices, and other government offices. County elections officials process registration updates and maintain voter records. People can check their voter registration status by contacting their county elections office; a convenient portal is at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status.

The updated registration totals for the seven qualified political parties and voters who have no political party preference follow, along with the comparable data from four years ago.

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	<u>September 3, 2010</u>		<u>September 5, 2014</u>	
<u>Political Party</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
American Independent	399,152	2.35 %	473,508	2.69 %
Americans Elect	N/A	N/A	3,859	0.02 %
Democratic	7,531,986	44.32 %	7,658,175	43.43 %
Green	111,772	0.66 %	108,954	0.62 %
Libertarian	87,443	0.51 %	117,534	0.67 %
Peace and Freedom	56,582	0.33 %	77,987	0.44 %
Republican	5,257,669	30.94 %	4,977,723	28.23 %
No Party Preference	3,427,395	20.17 %	4,070,440	23.08 %
Miscellaneous	121,076	0.71 %	146,696	0.83 %
TOTAL	16,993,075	100 %	17,634,876	100 %

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