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## Secretary of State Padilla Announces Results of Randomized Alphabet Drawing for SD 7, SD 21, and SD37 Special Election Ballots

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Alex Padilla’s staff today held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates’ names will appear on the March 17 special primary election ballots and, if necessary, the May 19 special runoff election ballots in the 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 37<sup>th</sup> Senate Districts.

The Senate District 7 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by the election of Mark DeSaulnier to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Senate District 21 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by the election of Steve Knight to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Senate District 37 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by the election of Mimi Walters to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The results of today’s drawing are as follows:

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

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In accordance with Elections Code section 13111, 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.

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

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