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Secretary of State Releases List of Generally Recognized Presidential Candidates for California Primary

SACRAMENTO – Pursuant to state law, Secretary of State Alex Padilla today released the list of generally recognized candidates who will be placed on the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election ballot in California.

Democratic Party

Hillary Clinton Roque De La Fuente Henry Hewes Keith Judd Bernie Sanders Michael Steinberg Willie Wilson

Republican Party

Jeb Bush Ben Carson Chris Christie Ted Cruz Carly Fiorina Jim Gilmore John Kasich Marco Rubio Donald Trump

American Independent Party

Wiley Drake Arthur Harris James Hedges Tom Hoefling J.R. Myers Robert Ornelas Alan Spears

Green Party

Darryl Cherney Sedinam Moyowasifsa-Curry William Kreml Kent Mesplay Jill Stein

Libertarian Party

Marc Feldman
John Hale
Cecil Ince
Gary Johnson
Steve Kerbel
John McAfee
Darryl Perry
Austin Petersen
Derrick M. Reid
Jack Robinson, Jr.
Rhett Smith
Joy Waymire

Peace and Freedom Party

Gloria Estela La Riva Lynn Sandra Kahn Monica Moorehead

The Secretary of State can place additional candidate names on the list until April 1, when the list of presidential candidates is officially certified. He cannot remove any names from the generally recognized list, unless a candidate requests to be removed by filing an affidavit with the Secretary of State's office.

Candidates who are not on the generally recognized list may still qualify for the ballot through signature gathering.

Procedure for qualifying for the presidential ballot through the circulation of nomination papers can be found online:

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party
- American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace And Freedom Parties

24 candidates were placed on the generally recognized list for the last presidential primary, in June 5, 2012. This year, the candidate list has 43 names.

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