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## **Secretary of State Padilla Statement on Comments by Calaveras County Planning Commissioner**

**SACRAMENTO** – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla issued the following statement on Calaveras County Planning Commissioner Kelly Wooster’s recent inflammatory remarks.

“Calaveras County Planning Commissioner Kelly Wooster’s comments were shameful and revealed a prejudiced mentality that is untenable for someone serving the public.”

“His comments are in direct conflict with the diverse history of both California and Calaveras County. Last year my office honored 165 years of California statehood by displaying the original California constitution. This is our state’s founding document—and it was written in both English and Spanish.”

“During the era in which our original constitution was being drafted, people from around the world poured into California in search of gold and a better life. This is the true heritage of the Golden State—people from many different backgrounds brought together by the richness of the land and a quest to live the California Dream.”

“The people I’ve met on trips to Calaveras County are honest, hardworking and fair. They reflect Calaveras County’s rich history. Clearly Mr. Wooster does not.”

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