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Tips for No Party Preference Voters

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Alex Padilla has provided the following tips for voters registered with no party preference planning to vote in the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary.

“The June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary is fast approaching, but voters registered with no party preference still have time to request a partisan ballot with presidential candidates,” Secretary of State Alex Padilla said.

The following parties allow persons that registered to vote as having no party preference to cast a ballot in their presidential primary:

Democratic Party
American Independent Party
Libertarian Party

Voters with no party preference who vote at the polls can request a Democratic Party, American Independent Party, or Libertarian Party ballot on Election Day from a poll worker.

Voters with no party preference who vote by mail were sent a post-card from their county elections office asking if the voter would like to receive a ballot with presidential candidates from the Democratic Party, American Independent Party, or Libertarian Party. Voters who did not return this post card will receive a non-partisan ballot without presidential candidates.

“There is still time for voters with no party preference to request a new ballot—even if they have already received a ballot in the mail,” Padilla added.

Q: I am a voter with no party preference, and I received a vote-by-mail ballot with no presidential candidates. What can I do to request a ballot with presidential candidates?

- Contact your county elections office no later than May 31 to request a vote-by-mail ballot with presidential candidates from the Democratic Party, American Independent Party, or Libertarian Party. [Click Here for County Elections Contact Information](#); OR

- Bring your vote-by-mail ballot to the polls on Election Day and exchange it for a ballot with presidential candidates from the Democratic Party, American Independent Party, or Libertarian Party. If you have lost your original vote-by-mail ballot, you will have to vote a provisional ballot at the polls—your vote will still be counted; OR
- Bring your vote-by-mail ballot to an early voting location in your county and exchange it for a ballot with presidential candidates from the Democratic Party, American Independent Party, or Libertarian Party. If you have lost your original vote-by-mail ballot, you will have to vote a provisional ballot at the polls—your vote will still be counted.

NOTE: Contact your county elections office for early voting locations and availability [Click Here for County Elections Contact Information](#)

Q: How can a voter with no party preference cast a ballot for Republican Party, Green Party, or Peace and Freedom Party presidential candidates?

Voters registered with no party preference who would like to vote in the June 7 Presidential Primary for a Republican Party, Green Party, or Peace and Freedom Party presidential candidate must re-register to vote with one of those respective parties by May 23, 2016.

Register to vote or re-register online at registertovote.ca.gov

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June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election How to Vote for President

Registered to Vote with

Ballot Allowed to Vote

Democratic Party → Democratic Party Presidential Candidates

Republican Party → Republican Party Presidential Candidates

American Independent Party → American Independent Party Presidential Candidates

Green Party → Green Party Presidential Candidates

Libertarian Party → Libertarian Party Presidential Candidates

Peace and Freedom Party → Peace and Freedom Party Presidential Candidates

No Party Preference → Non-Partisan Ballot (no presidential candidates)

OR you can request to vote the presidential ballot of one of the following political parties:

American Independent • Democratic • Libertarian

For information on how to request a party's presidential ballot go to:

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/political-parties/no-party-preference

No matter how you are registered, you will receive a ballot with state and local candidates and measures.

To check your registration status go to
www.sos.ca.gov/Elections/Registration-Status

Want to change your political party preference?

You must re-register to vote by **May 23, 2016**.

To register or re-register online go to **RegisterToVote.ca.gov**