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Secretary of State Debra Bowen Announces Results of Random Alphabet Drawing For Candidate Order on 12th Senate District Special Election Ballots

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen’s office today held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates’ names will appear on the June 3 special recall election ballots in the 12th Senate District. The results of the drawing are as follows:

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

Recall is the power of the voters to remove an elected official from office. A recall election includes two parts. A voter may vote on both parts, or only one.

- The first part asks whether Senator Jeffrey Denham shall be removed from office. If more voters mark “yes” than “no,” then the Senator will be recalled.
- The second part lists the names of candidates seeking to replace Senator Denham in the event he is recalled. If he is recalled, the candidate who receives the most votes will be elected to replace him.

In accordance with Elections Code section 13112(d), 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 random alphabet also applies to first names.

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

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