Secretary of State Bowen Announces Results of Randomized Alphabet Drawing for Candidate Order on April 13 Senate District 37 and Assembly District 43 Special Election Ballots

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen’s office today held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which candidates’ names will appear on the April 13 primary ballots and, if necessary, the June 8 run-off special election ballots in the 37th Senate District and the 43rd Assembly District.

The Senate District 37 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by the appointment of John Benoît to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. The Assembly District 43 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by the election of Paul Krekorian to the Los Angeles City Council.

The results of today’s drawing are as follows:


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 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 public and the media present.

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