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### State and County Elections Officials Point to Convenience of Voting by Mail in June 8 Election, Offer Nonpartisan Public Service Announcements

**SACRAMENTO** – As the June 8 Statewide Direct Primary Election nears, Secretary of State Debra Bowen and Humboldt County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters Carolyn Crnich are inviting Humboldt media to be civically engaged by getting the word out about the option of voting by mail. Formerly known as absentee voting, vote-by-mail voting is an increasingly popular choice for Californians, but many still do not know they have the option.

“When you vote by mail, you never have to miss an election because you can’t get to your polling place,” said Secretary Bowen, the state’s chief elections officer. “The ballot arrives in your mailbox, and you can vote at any time of day or night in the comfort of your home.”

Crnich added, “Signing up to vote by mail is simple and takes moments through the Humboldt County elections office website. With safeguards in place to prevent fraud and ensure voters’ privacy is protected, many voters opt to vote from home rather than at the polls.”

The deadline to register to vote for the June 8 primary is May 24. Vote-by-mail voting begins May 10. Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by Humboldt County elections officials by 8:00 p.m. on June 8. (Postmarks do not count.)

Humboldt County voters may obtain a vote-by-mail application online at <http://co.humboldt.ca.us/election/content/content.asp?pg=Absentee/absentee.asp> or by calling the county elections office at (707) 445-7481. Contact information for all 58 county elections offices is at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_d.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm).

Between now and June 1, broadcast media are invited to air a 30-second nonpartisan public service announcement, which is attached in MP3 and WAV file formats. Newspapers and stations that wish to craft their own pieces may use the Secretary of State’s script as a guide and visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_m.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_m.htm) for more information about voting by mail.

**Did you know any California voter can vote by mail?**

**To sign up to vote by mail, call the Humboldt County Elections Office at (707) 445-7481.**

**Or go online to [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).**

**Just sign up by June 1 with your county elections office.**

**That number again: (707) 445-7481**

[www.sos.ca.gov/admin/press-releases/psa/humboldt-vbm-psa.mp3](http://www.sos.ca.gov/admin/press-releases/psa/humboldt-vbm-psa.mp3) (471 KB)

[www.sos.ca.gov/admin/press-releases/psa/humboldt-vbm-psa2.wav](http://www.sos.ca.gov/admin/press-releases/psa/humboldt-vbm-psa2.wav) (5 MB)

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