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Secretary of State Debra Bowen Reports Latest Voter Counts as November 2 General Election Nears

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today released a new Report of Registration showing 72 percent of eligible Californians were registered to vote 60 days prior to the November 2 General Election. The report shows there are now close to 17 million Californians registered in the Golden State, up from 15.6 million at this same time four years ago.

The report reflects updates to voter registration rolls in California's 58 counties, including the removal of registrants who have passed away, moved out of state, or have been determined to be ineligible to vote, as well as the addition of new registrants.

“On November 2, voters will have many important choices to make, which will affect every Californian as soon as November 3,” said Secretary of State Bowen, California's chief elections officer. “If you're not one of the nearly 17 million people who are registered to participate in this crucial election, you have until October 18 to sign up.”

The complete September 3, 2010, Report of Registration can be found on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ror/ror-pages/60day-gen-10.

For a certified list of all candidates in legislative, congressional and statewide contests, go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/2010-elections/2010-election-information/november-2010/certified-list.pdf.

By law, statewide voter registration updates must occur 60 and 15 days before each general election, and 154, 60 and 15 days before each primary election. There is one “off-year” update released in February of years with no regularly scheduled statewide election.

The registration totals for the six qualified political parties and voters who have declined to state their political affiliation follow.

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| | <u>September 3, 2010</u> | | <u>September 8, 2006</u> | |
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| <u>Political Party</u> | <u># Registered</u> | <u>% of Total</u> | <u># Registered</u> | <u>% of Total</u> |
| American Independent | 399,152 | 2.35 % | 309,291 | 1.98 % |
| Democratic | 7,531,986 | 44.32% | 6,661,439 | 42.66 % |
| Green | 111,772 | 0.66 % | 140,085 | 0.90 % |
| Libertarian | 87,443 | 0.51 % | 82,469 | 0.53 % |
| Peace and Freedom | 56,582 | 0.33 % | 58,862 | 0.38 % |
| Republican | 5,257,669 | 30.94 % | 5,358,160 | 34.31 % |
| Decline to State | 3,427,395 | 20.17 % | 2,900,269 | 18.57 % |
| Miscellaneous | 121,076 | 0.71 % | 104,084 | 0.67 % |
| TOTAL | 16,993,075 | 100 % | 15,614,659 | 100 % |

The final Report of Registration for the November 2 election cycle will be published October 29.

The last day to register to vote is October 18. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 26.

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