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Secretary of State and Yuba County Offer Nonpartisan PSA to Get Out the Vote this November

SACRAMENTO – As the November 2 General election nears, Secretary of State Debra Bowen and Yuba County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters Terry Hansen are inviting media to help remind Californians to register to vote and consider voting by mail or serving as a poll worker on Election Day.

"With the statewide election just around the corner, it is critical that Californians know about their rights and the key deadlines," said Secretary Bowen, the state's chief elections officer.

Hansen added, "Don't let rain, sleet and snow deter you from voting on November 2. Apply now to become a permanent vote-by-mail voter."

Between now and October 26, broadcast media are invited to air a 30-second nonpartisan public service announcement, which is available in MP3 and WAV file formats (see links below). Newspapers and stations that wish to craft their own pieces may use the Secretary of State's script as a guide.

The November 2 state election is coming soon. Have you registered to vote? Want to vote by mail? How about serving as a poll worker? For details, call (800) 345-VOTE. That number again: (800) 345-8683. Or go online to sos.ca.gov. Make your voice count this November 2.

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The deadline to register to vote in the November 2 election is October 18. Registration forms are available at most post offices, public libraries and government offices. People can also fill out a form online at www.sos.ca.gov/nvrc/fedform, then print, sign and mail it.

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The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 26. California voters may obtain a vote-by-mail application online at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/vote-by-mail/pdf/fill-in-vote-by-mail-app-instruct.pdf or by calling their own county elections office. Contact information for all 58 county elections offices is at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm.

Poll workers earn an average stipend of \$100 for the day's work, though rates vary among counties. Interested people may call their county elections offices to sign up, or visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pollworker.htm for more information.

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