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### Latest Voter Registration Stats Show Continued Uptick in Voters with No Party Preference

**SACRAMENTO** – Statewide voter registration numbers published today by Secretary of State Debra Bowen show that of the Californians registered to vote, 3,672,229 have chosen no party preference – a new all-time high. The previous record raw-number high of unaffiliated voters was 3,654,608, reported in the Secretary’s last Report of Registration in June.

As of September 7, a total of 17,259,680 Californians are registered to vote, representing 72.6 percent of eligible Californians, up from 69.8 percent this time four years ago.

“As Californians hear more about the important issues on the November ballot and as we approach the October 22 deadline to register, those numbers will continue to go up,” said Secretary Bowen, California’s chief elections officer. “Filling out a voter registration application online or on paper takes just a few minutes, and I expect to see tens of thousands of new California voters this presidential election season.”

The complete report, which includes voter registration data for a variety of political subdivisions, is at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ror/ror-pages/60day-general-12](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ror/ror-pages/60day-general-12). The report reflects data gathered 60 days before the November 6 General Election, with 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.

Secretary Bowen launched online voter registration earlier this week, making California one of just a handful of states to offer the option. Eligible people can fill out an application online at [www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov). Californians can also pick up a paper voter registration application in many places throughout California including U.S. post offices, public libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, and county elections offices.

The deadline to register to vote in the November 6 general election is October 22. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 30. Californians can check their voter registration status through a portal at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status).

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The registration totals for the seven qualified political parties and voters who have no party preference follow.

	<u>September 5, 2008</u>		<u>September 7, 2012</u>	
<u>Political Party</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
American Independent	333,609	2.06 %	434,438	2.52 %
Americans Elect	N/A	N/A	2,998	0.02 %
Democratic	7,101,442	43.91 %	7,478,915	43.33 %
Green	116,334	0.72 %	109,488	0.63 %
Libertarian	78,935	0.49 %	94,620	0.55 %
Peace and Freedom	54,989	0.34 %	59,232	0.34 %
Republican	5,227,489	32.32 %	5,197,177	30.11 %
No Party Preference	3,151,369	19.49 %	3,672,229	21.28 %
Miscellaneous	107,605	0.67 %	210,583	1.22 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,171,772</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>17,259,680</b>	<b>100 %</b>

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

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