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Secretary of State Bowen Announces Results of Randomized Alphabet Drawing for Candidate Order on SD 32 and SD 40 Special Election Ballots

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen's office today held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates' names will appear on the March 12 special primary election ballots and, if necessary, the May 14 special run-off election ballots in the 32nd Senate District and 40th Senate District.

The Senate District 32 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by Gloria Negrete McLeod, who resigned after being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. The Senate District 40 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by Juan Vargas, who resigned after being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The results of today's drawing are as follows:

1. A	8. I	15. Y	22. V
2. M	9. J	16. X	23. H
3. R	10. C	17. Q	24. L
4. D	11. B	18. S	25. W
5. G	12. P	19. N	26. T
6. Z	13. F	20. U	
7. E	14. K	21. O	

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 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 present.

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