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## Secretary of State Padilla Reminds Voters of Early Voting Opportunities

**SACRAMENTO** – With Election Day just days away, Secretary of State Alex Padilla is encouraging voters to consider voting early. A list of early voting locations and vote-by-mail ballot drop off locations is available on the Secretary of State's website: <a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/general-election-november-8-2016/county-early-voting/">http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/general-election-november-8-2016/county-early-voting/</a>

"For many working Californians, voting at their designated polling place on Election Day may not be the most convenient option. Thankfully, it's not the only option," said Secretary of State Padilla. "I encourage all California voters to consider voting early. Every county elections office provides California voters in-person early voting opportunities. Whether you usually vote-by-mail or at the polls, there are options to return your vote-by-mail ballot or cast a ballot in-person before Election Day. This election will impact our future for years to come, make sure you have a plan to exercise your right to vote."

Every county elections office serves as an in-person early voting location. Some counties offer satellite early voting locations as well. For a list of contact information of county elections offices, visit: <a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/">http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/</a>

Vote-by-mail voters can return their ballots to early voting drop off locations or at any polling location in their county on Election Day.

California's polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. California law provides employees up to two hours off to vote if they do not have enough time to do so during non-work hours.

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