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Secretary Padilla Responds to President Trump's Unsubstantiated Voter Fraud Claims

SACRAMENTO – Citing a lack of evidence and unsubstantiated allegations of unauthorized votes in the 2016 General Election, Secretary of State Alex Padilla released the following statement responding to reports of re-stated false claims made by President Donald Trump:

“By repeating false and unsubstantiated voter fraud allegations as the cause for losing the popular vote, President Trump is dangerously attacking the legitimacy of free and fair elections and taking a jackhammer to the foundation of our democracy. These are not “alternative facts.” They are corrosive lies without any evidence. Even leaders in the President's own party agree there is no evidence to support his claims since they were irresponsibly made back in November. Rather than continue to deliberately deceive the American people about his nearly 3 million popular vote loss, the President should focus on addressing the substantiated threats reported by our intelligence community.”

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