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Secretary of State Padilla Certifies Candidate List for June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Alex Padilla today published the certified list of candidates who will appear on [June 5, 2018, Statewide Direct Primary Election](http://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2018-primary/cert-list-candidates.pdf) ballots. The official list, with ballot designations for each candidate, and contact information is available at: <http://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2018-primary/cert-list-candidates.pdf>

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office (previously known as a partisan office) be listed on the same ballot. The voter-nominated offices on the June ballot are one member of the U.S. Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, 4 members of the Board of Equalization, 53 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the 80 State Assembly members, and the 20 even-numbered State Senate district members.

Anyone can vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, regardless of party preference. The two candidates receiving the most votes move on to the November 6, 2018, General Election regardless of vote totals. Even if there are only one or two candidates in a race in the open primary, a general election is still required.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction will be on the June 5 Statewide Direct Primary Election ballot as a nonpartisan office. If a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for Superintendent of Public Instruction, that candidate will be elected outright. If no candidate wins a majority of the votes cast in the June Primary, then the two candidates receiving the most votes move on to the November 6, 2018, General Election.

The first June 5 Statewide Direct Primary Election ballots may go out to California's military and overseas voters as early as April 6. Counties begin mailing vote-by-mail ballots on May 7. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot by mail is May 29.

For more information on the June 5, 2018, Statewide Direct Primary election, visit: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/statewide-direct-primary-june-5-2018/>

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