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Secretary of State Padilla Announces Results of Randomized Alphabet Drawing for Congressional District 25 and State Senate District 28 Special Primary Elections

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Alex Padilla’s staff today held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates’ names will appear on the March 3, 2020 Congressional District 25 and State Senate District 28 Special Primary Election ballots.

The results of today’s drawing are as follows:

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

This alphabet applies throughout the candidate's name, last name first, followed, if necessary, by first name, then middle name. If more than one candidate's last name begins with the same letter, the alphabet applies to the second letter and, if needed, the third, etc., until different letters appear in the same position. For example, if two candidates with the last names Campbell and Carlson are running for the same office, their order on the ballot will depend on the order in which the letters "M" and "R" were drawn in the randomized alphabet drawing.

Today’s randomized alphabet drawing was held in the Elections Division of the Secretary of State’s office in compliance with Elections Code section 13112. Staff pulled the letters in a lottery-style drawing, with witnesses from the public present.

U.S. Congressional Office

Congressional candidates follow the randomized alphabet and rotate within their districts with the lowest numbered Assembly district leading the rotation.

State Legislative Office

State Senate and Assembly candidates follow the randomized alphabet but do not rotate; however, if a legislative district crosses county lines, the elections officials of each county shall conduct a random drawing to determine candidate order for these offices in their county.

For more information about the Congressional District 25 Special Primary Election, visit:
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/2019-cd25/>

For more information about the State Senate District 28 Special Primary Election, visit:
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/2019-sd28/>

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